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THE FANTASTIC
FOUR!
THE NEW MUTANTS!
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FROM THE
FUTURE
HE COMES...
AHAB,
MASTER
OF THE
HOUNDS!

He travels to the past to warn them of the future.
But is he the greatest threat of all?

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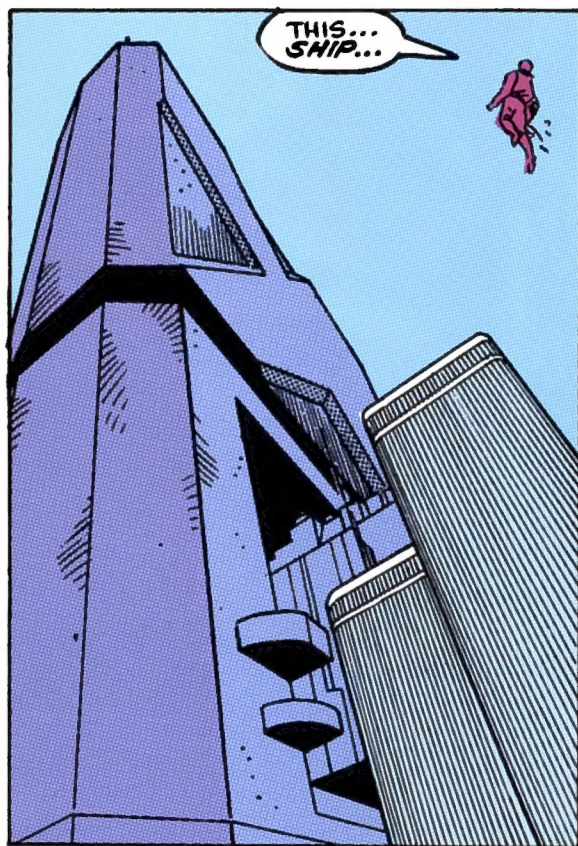
THAT ISN'T RIGHT.

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ACT OF FAITH

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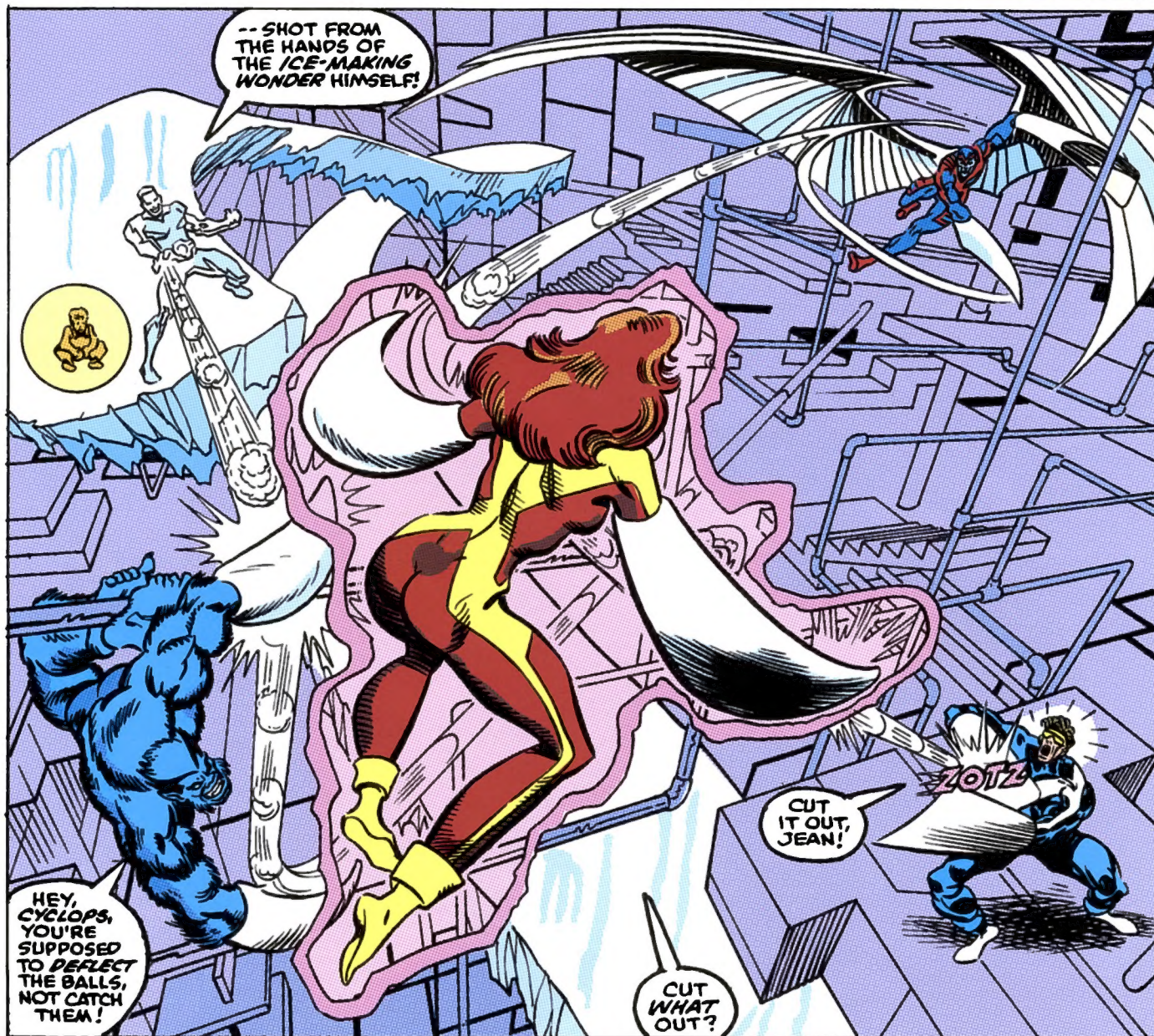


...IN NEW
YORK CITY.



IT
DOESN'T
BELONG...

ALL RIGHT,
GUYS! HERE THEY
COME, COLD, HEAVY
AND HARD --



-- SHOT FROM
THE HANDS OF
THE ICE-MAKING
WONDER HIMSELF!



HEY,
CYCLOPS,
YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO DEFLECT
THE BALLS,
NOT CATCH
THEM!

CUT
IT OUT,
JEAN!

CUT
WHAT
OUT?

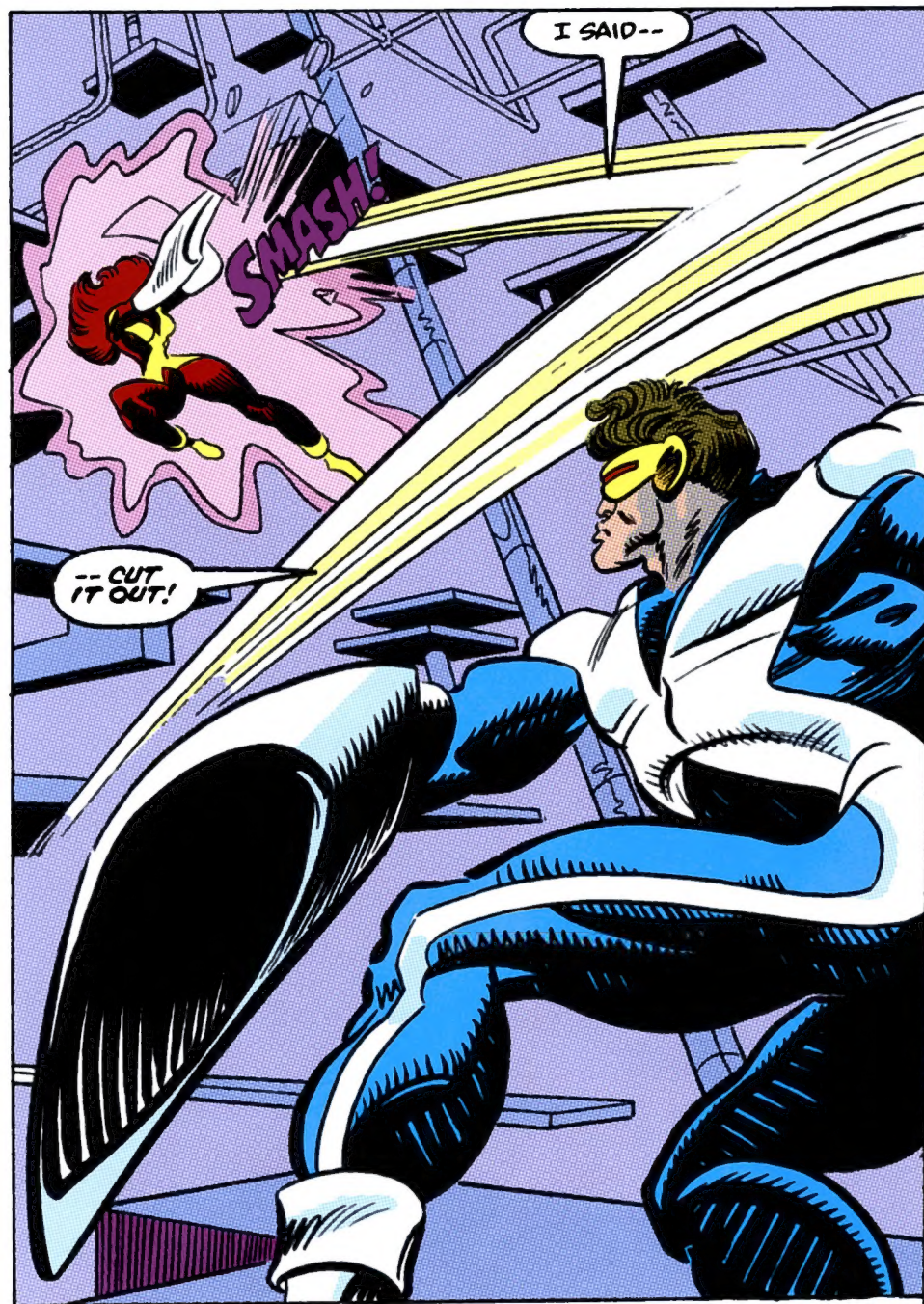
ZOTZ



YOU'RE USING YOUR TELEKINETIC POWERS TO PUT A SPIN ON THE BALLS-- TO MAKE THEM COME TOO FAST! IF I DEFLECT THEM...



...THE NEXT GUY DOWN THE LINE-- OR MAYBE MY SON-- COULD GET HURT!



I SAID--

-- CUT IT OUT!

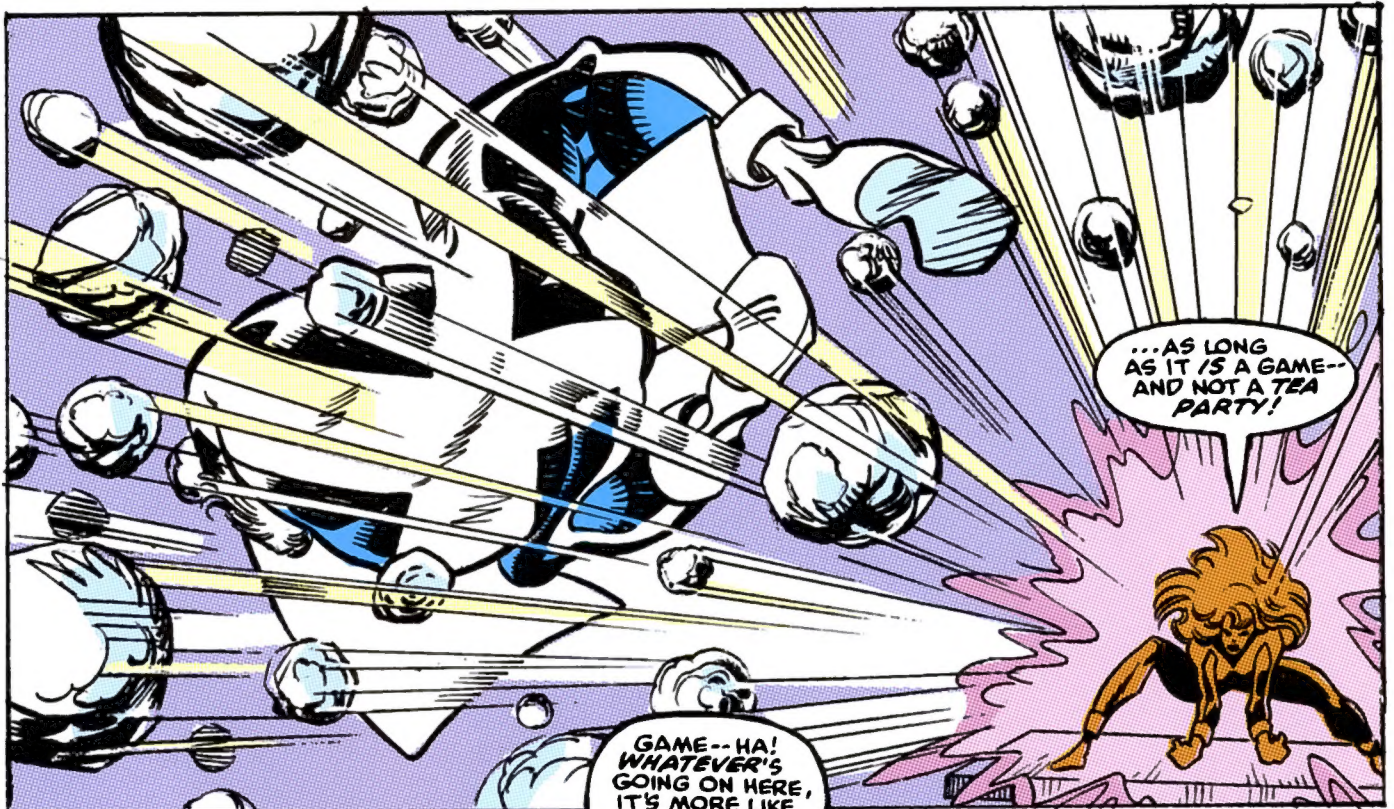


HOW CAN YOU THINK THAT? HOW CAN YOU THINK I'D EVER DO ANYTHING TO HARM THE BABY? OR ANY OF YOU?

I CAN CONTROL MY POWER, SCOTT. BLAST IT, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INSISTED WE BRING CHRIS TO THIS PRACTICE SESSION!

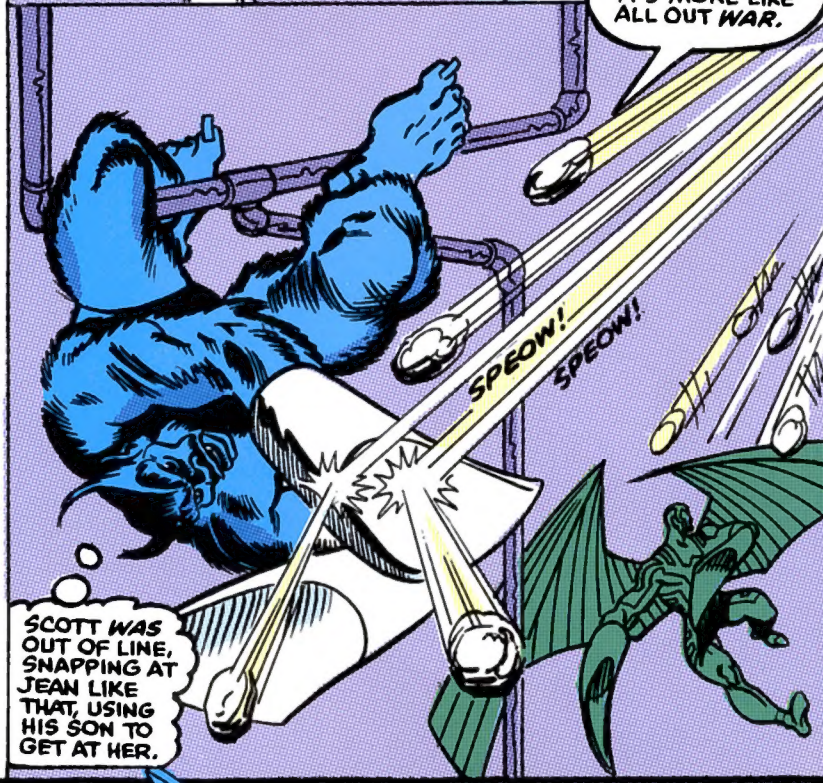
AND HOW COULD WE OBJECT? WE KNOW HE'LL BE OKAY. NOTHING CAN PENETRATE HIS DEFLECTION FIELD TO HARM HIM!

YOU SAID WE'D USE THE GAME TO HONE OUR POWERS IN A WAY THAT WAS FUN... COMPETITIVE... ... AND MAYBE A LITTLE DANGEROUS! SEEMS LIKE A GOOD IDEA! C'MON, SCOTT, PLAY THE GAME--



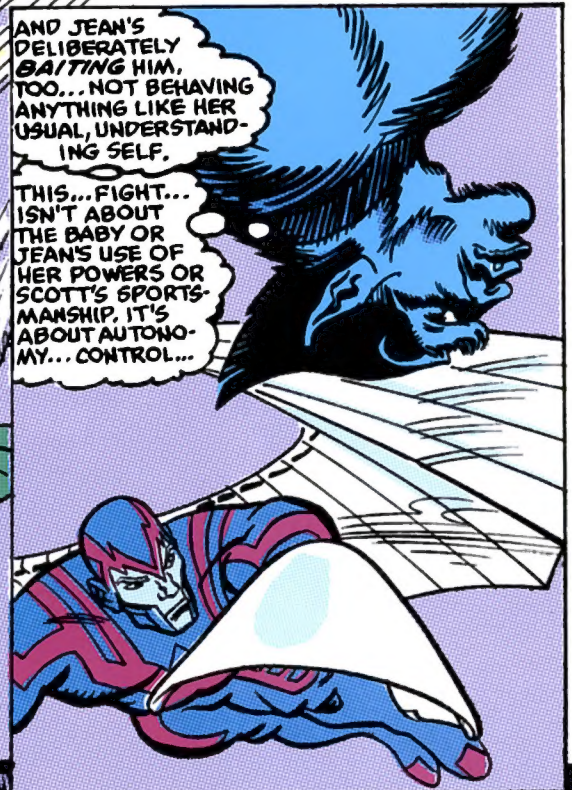
...AS LONG AS IT IS A GAME-- AND NOT A TEA PARTY!

GAME-- HA! WHATEVER'S GOING ON HERE, IT'S MORE LIKE ALL OUT WAR.



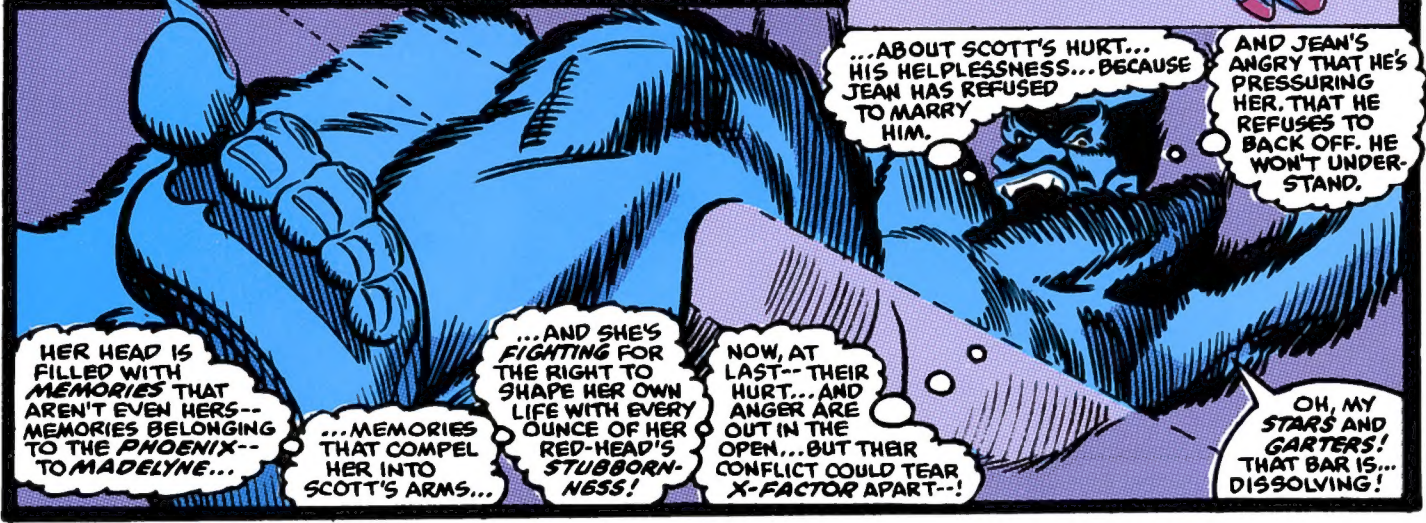
SCOTT WAS OUT OF LINE, SNAPPING AT JEAN LIKE THAT, USING HIS SON TO GET AT HER.

SPEEDO!
SPEEDO!



AND JEAN'S DELIBERATELY BAITING HIM, TOO... NOT BEHAVING ANYTHING LIKE HER USUAL, UNDERSTANDING SELF.

THIS... FIGHT... ISN'T ABOUT THE BABY OR JEAN'S USE OF HER POWERS OR SCOTT'S SPORTSMANSHIP. IT'S ABOUT AUTONOMY... CONTROL...



HER HEAD IS FILLED WITH MEMORIES THAT AREN'T EVEN HERS-- MEMORIES BELONGING TO THE PHOENIX-- TO MADELYNE...

...MEMORIES THAT COMPEL HER INTO SCOTT'S ARMS...

...AND SHE'S FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO SHAPE HER OWN LIFE WITH EVERY OUNCE OF HER RED-HEAD'S STUBBORNNESS!

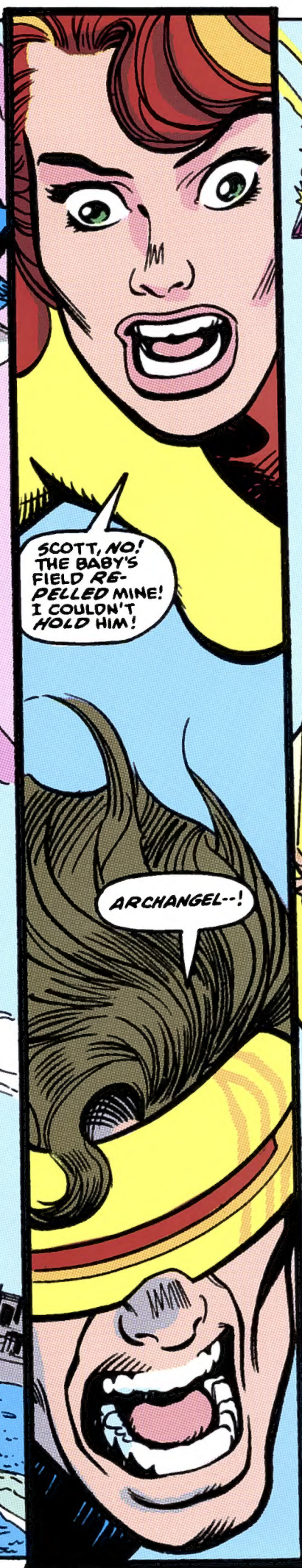
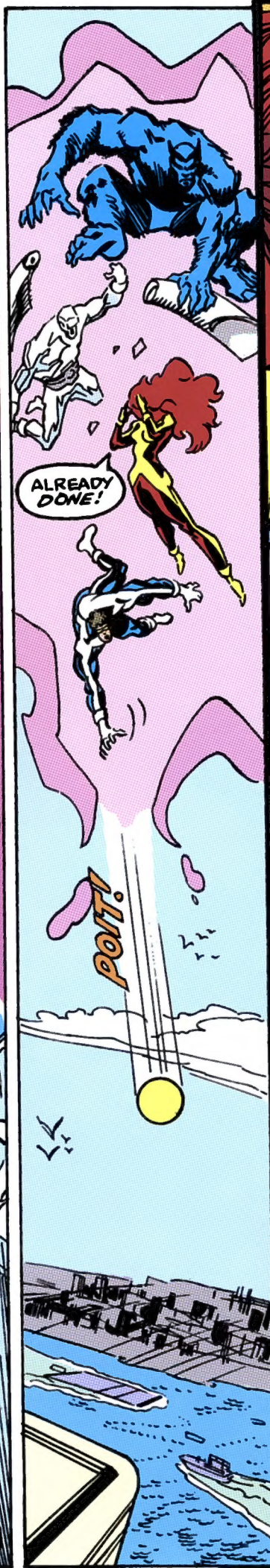
NOW, AT LAST-- THEIR HURT... AND ANGER ARE OUT IN THE OPEN... BUT THEIR CONFLICT COULD TEAR X-FACTOR APART--!

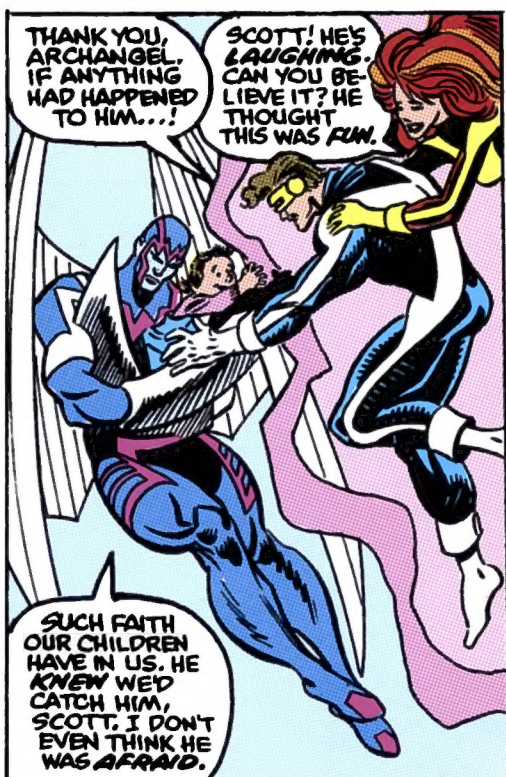
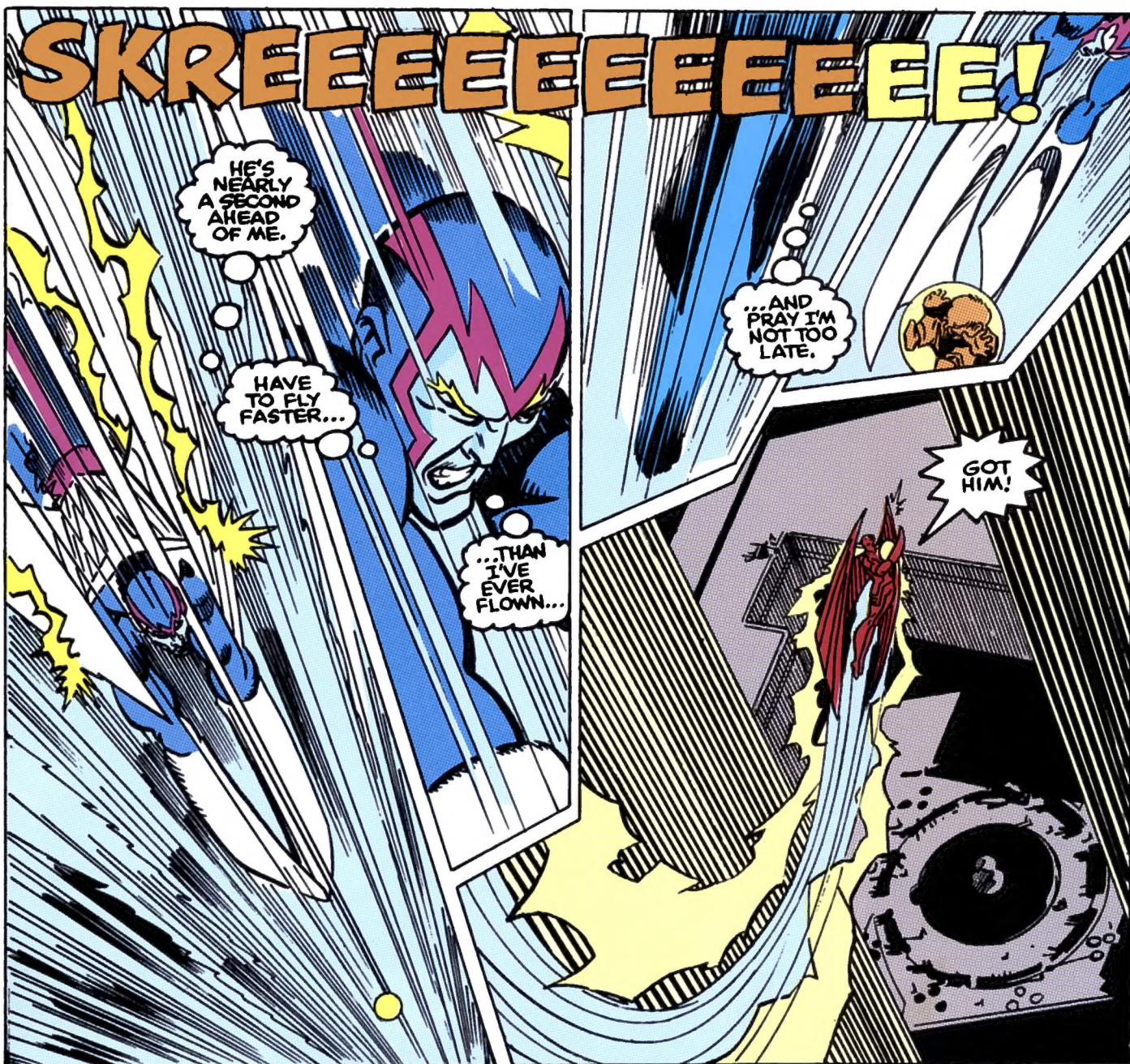
...ABOUT SCOTT'S HURT... HIS HELPLESSNESS... BECAUSE JEAN HAS REFUSED TO MARRY HIM.

AND JEAN'S ANGRY THAT HE'S PRESSURING HER. THAT HE REFUSES TO BACK OFF. HE WON'T UNDERSTAND.

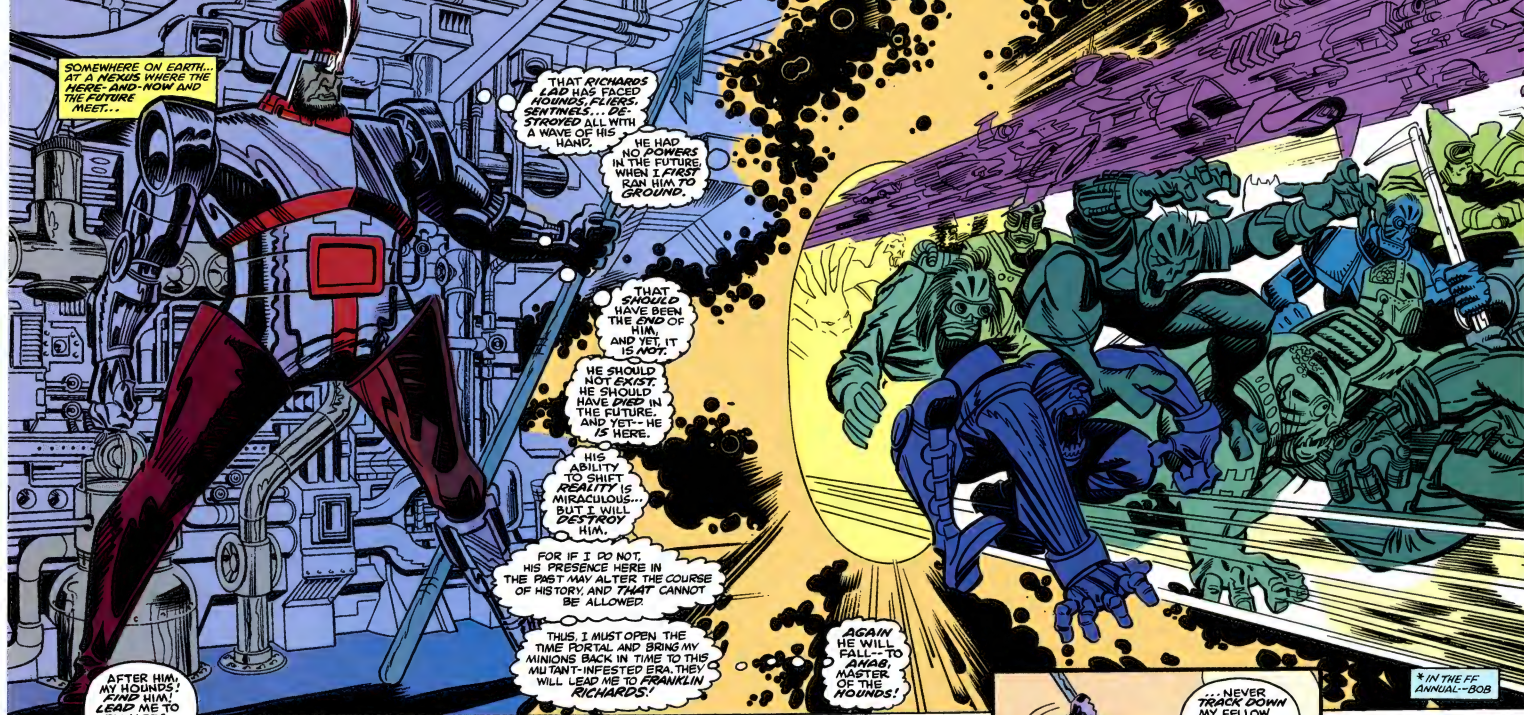
OH, MY STARS AND GARTERS! THAT BAR IS... DISSOLVING!



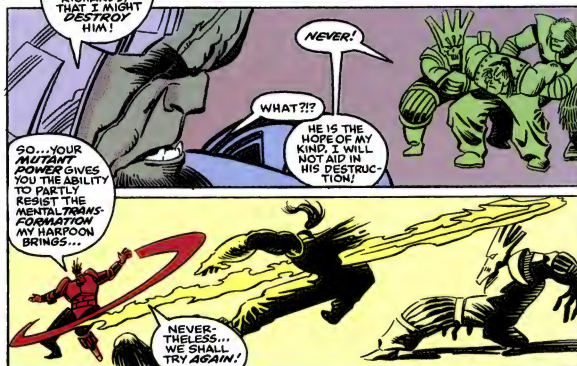


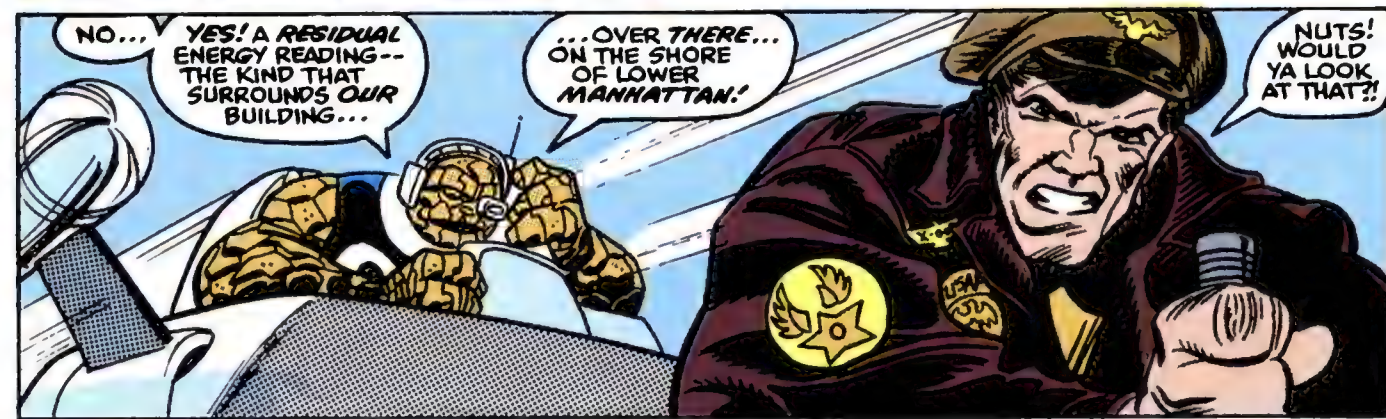
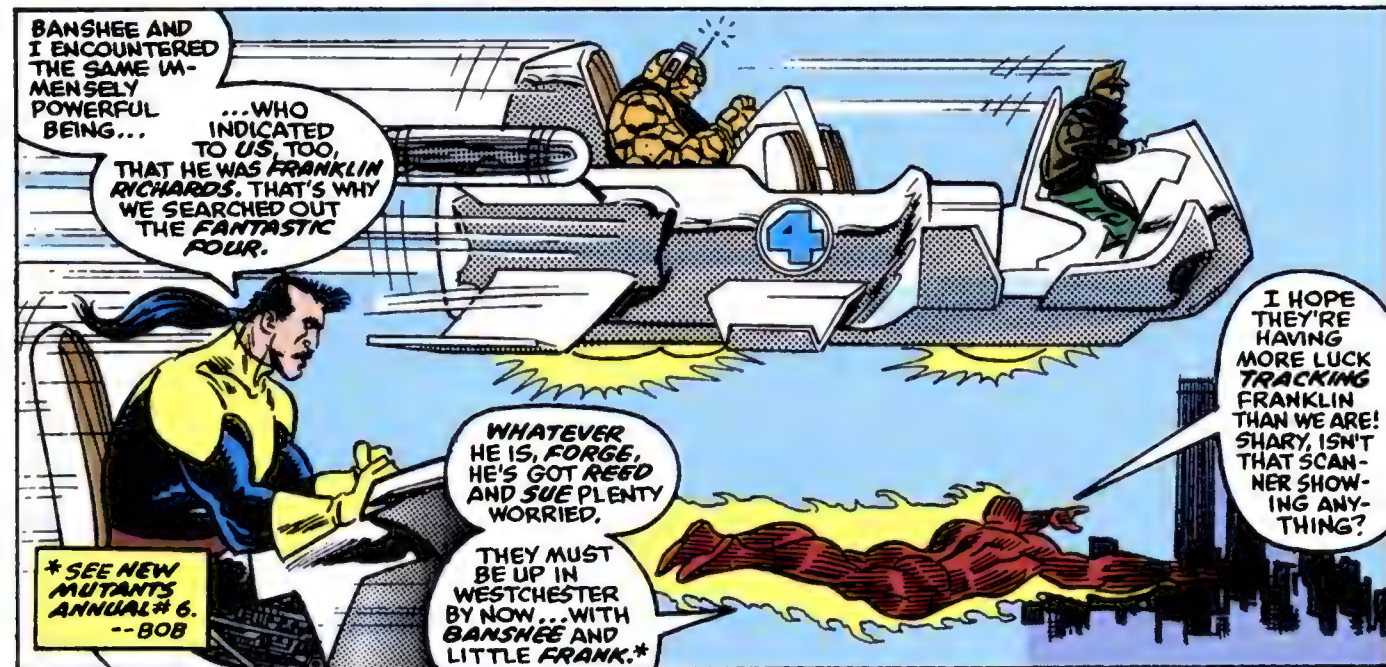
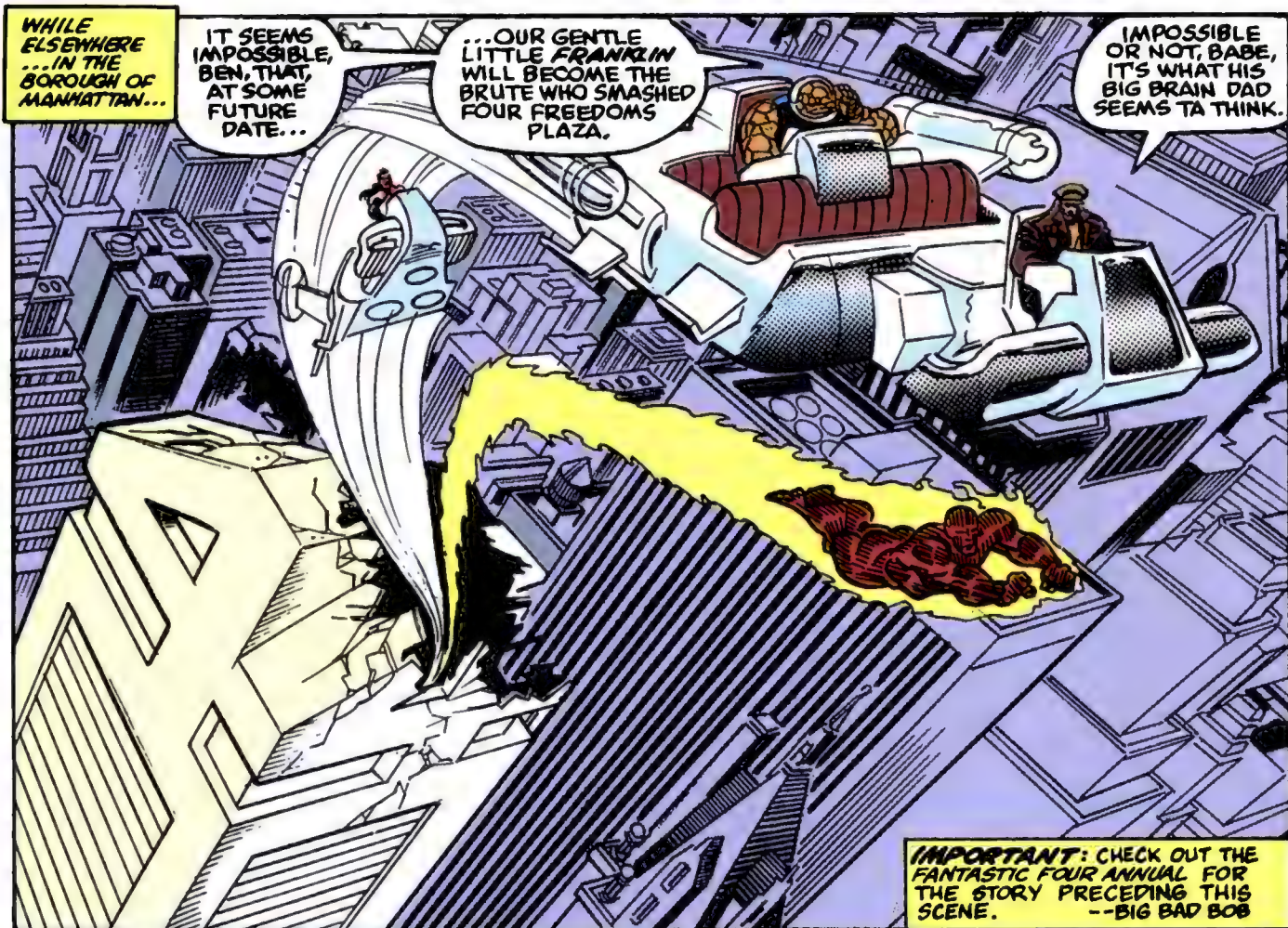


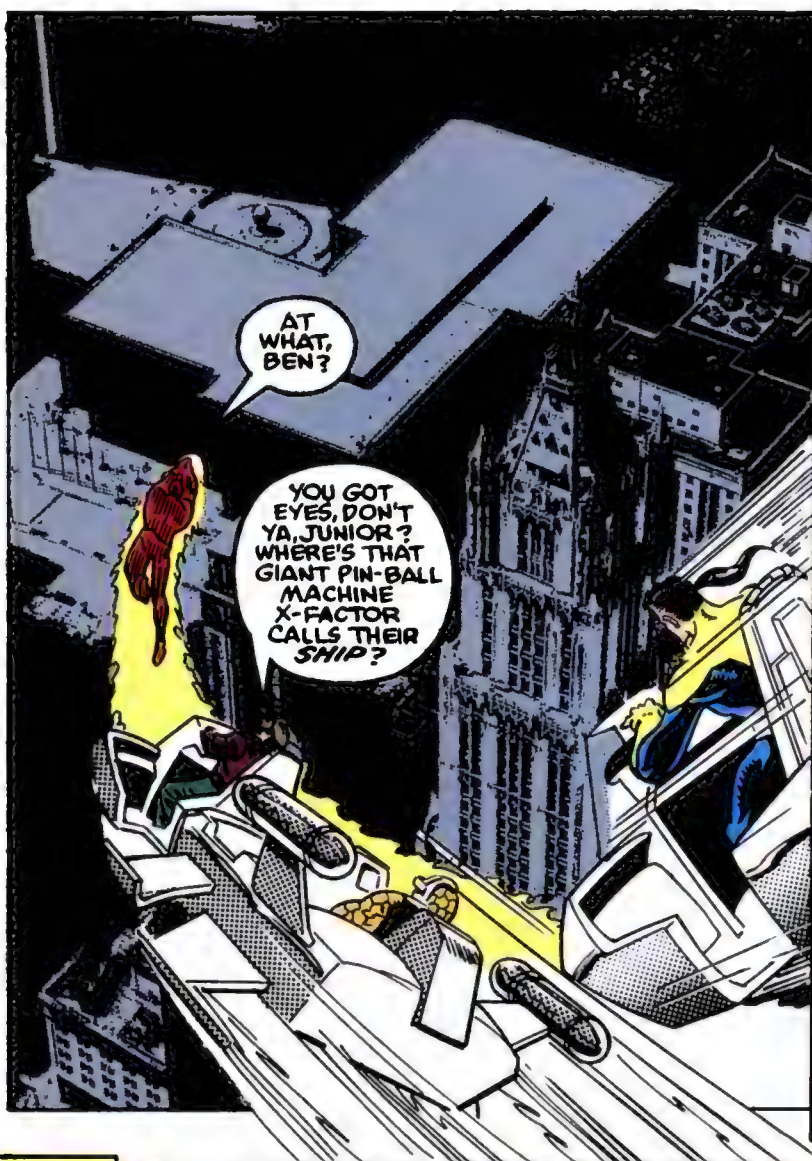




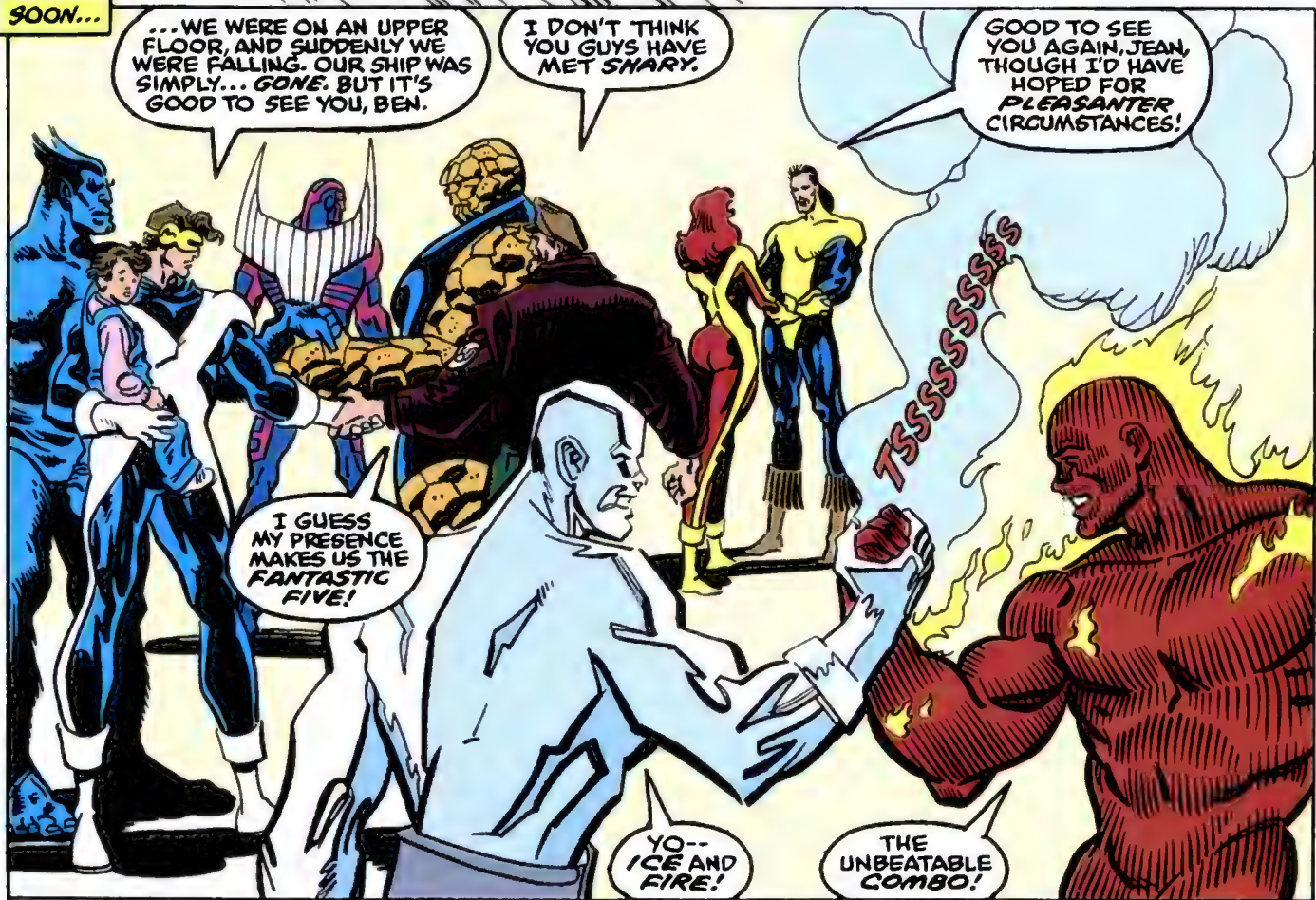
* IN THE FF ANNUAL--BOB







SOON...



IT WAS THE DAD-BLAMEDEST THING... WE GOT HOME AND FOUR FREEDOMS PLAZA HAD SWITCHED BACK TO BEIN THE OLD **BAXTER BUILDING**...

INSIDE WE FACED OURSELVES-- THE **FANTASTIC FOUR** FROM YEARS AGO...

...AND A BOZO WHO SEEMS TO BE REED'S SON, **FRANKLIN** ... FROM YEARS IN THE FUTURE...*

NOT SCARED OF MY **ROCK-FACE** ONE LITTLE BIT, IS HE? CAN I **HOLD HIM**?

OF COURSE. **CHRISTOPHER** LIKES YOU. IF HE DIDN'T, HIS **FORCE FIELD** WOULD BE UP, AND YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO **TOUCH HIM**.

*IN THE FF ANNUAL--808

SO YOU'RE ANOTHER LITTLE PUMPKIN WITH **POWERS**...

NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO **TRACK FRANKLIN**, IS THAT IT--?

YOU CALLED IT, CYKE... THOUGH WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO WITH HIM IF WE **CATCH HIM**...

... AN' HE'S GOT THE WHOLE F.F. LICKED IN THE **POWER DEPARTMENT**.

THEN LET US **HELP**.

I WAS **HOPIN'** YOU'D MAKE THE **OFFER**...

HE HASN'T JOINED THE **FANTASTIC FOUR**, TOO, HAS HE? WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

FORGE--? HAD A RUN-IN WITH **FRANKLIN**, HIMSELF. HE'S AN **INVENTOR**... LIKE **REED**.

I KNOW, A WHILE BACK, ONE OF HIS INVENTIONS **ROBBED** A TEAMMATE OF HER **POWERS**.

C'MON, GIVE 'IM A **CHANCE**, SCOTTIE. HE'S AN **X-MAN**, NOW. AND WE **NEED** THE GUY.

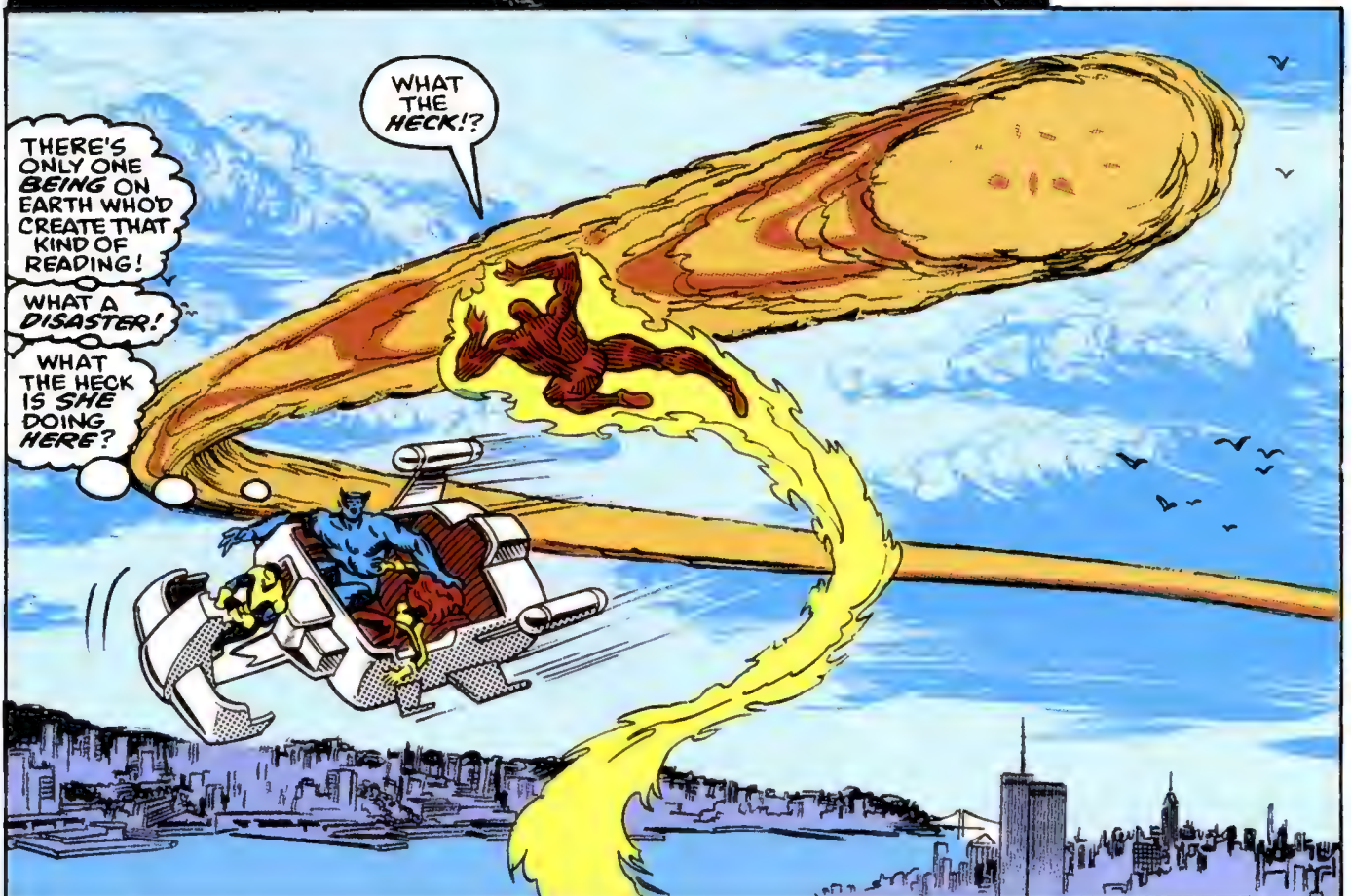
HE'S THROWN TOGETHER AN **EXTRA ENERGY-SCANNER** BASED ON **REED'S** DESIGN...

GOOD. WE CAN COVER MORE GROUND IF WE **SPLIT UP**...

... BUT WE **BETTER STAY IN TOUCH!**



BEEP... BEEP... BEEP...



I'VE GOT VISUAL
CONFIRMATION
ON FRANKLIN!
HE'S MATERIALIZED...
DEAD AHEAD...

THAT
ENERGY
FIELD'S
HEADED
FOR HIM
ON A
COLLISION
COURSE!

WHROOOM

SHE IS THE
IRRESISTIBLE
FORCE.

HE IS THE
IMMOVABLE
OBJECT.

THEIR UNION
IGNITES THE
SKY.

THEIR PAST HAS SHREDDED HER SOUL. AND SHE
HAS RIPPED THE MEMORIES FROM HER MIND.

HER HEART IS A
MINE-FIELD.

HE OFFERS RELEASE... AND,
FOR A SINGLE, HUMAN MOMENT,
SHE GLORIES IN IT. BUT ONLY
FOR A MOMENT...

WHAT--
ARE
YOU--?

"WHAT--?"
NOT WHO--?

AND THEN...

THE WE
BECOMES I.

HIS LOVE
SUFFOCATES.

HIS NEED IS OVERWHELMING.

HE OFFERS, NOT
RELEASE, BUT
OBLIVION.

THOOM!

NO!

GET BACK!
GET AWAY FROM
ME! I FELT IT, ALL
THE WAY IN ENGLAND.
DID YOU THINK
I WOULDN'T
KNOW--?

YOU'VE
BEEN
SIPHONING
OFF MY
ENERGY--!

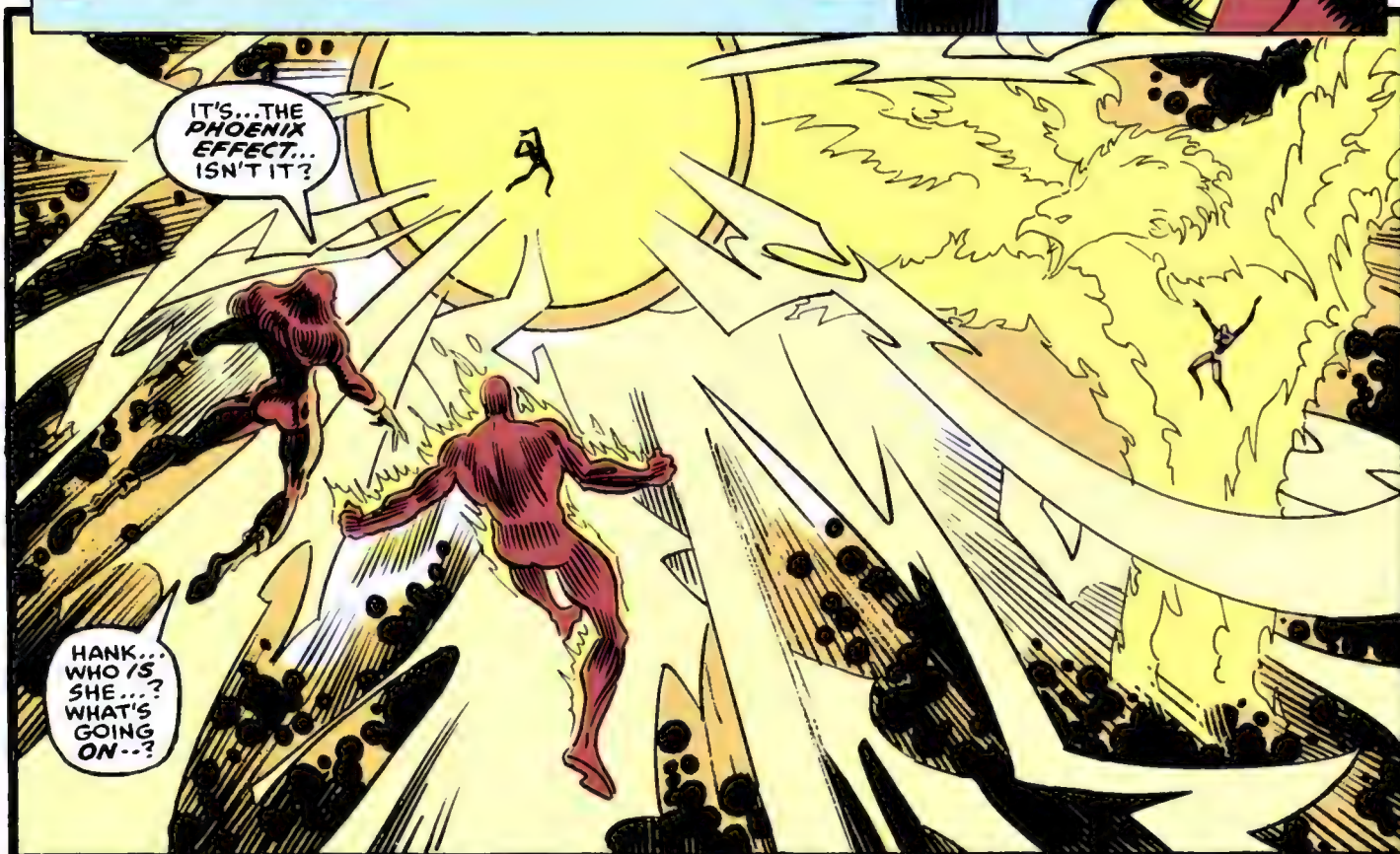
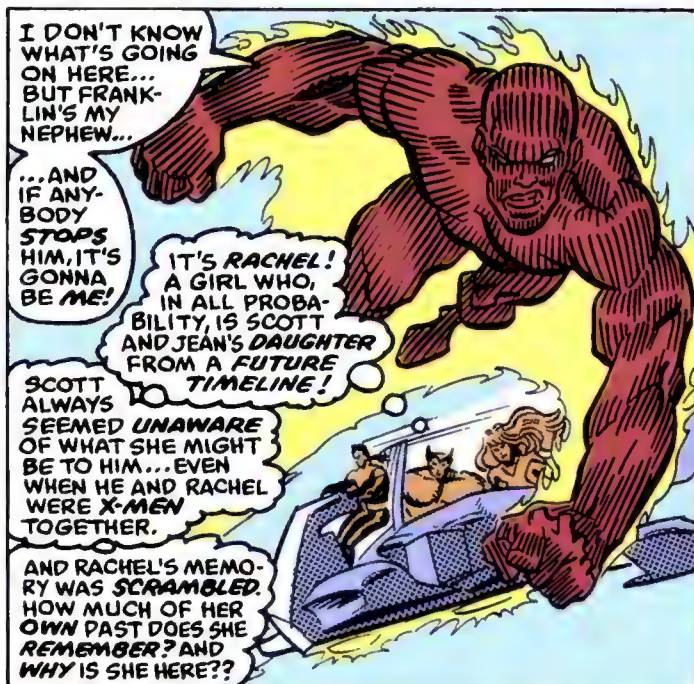
YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED
TO HAVE THAT
KIND OF
ABILITY!

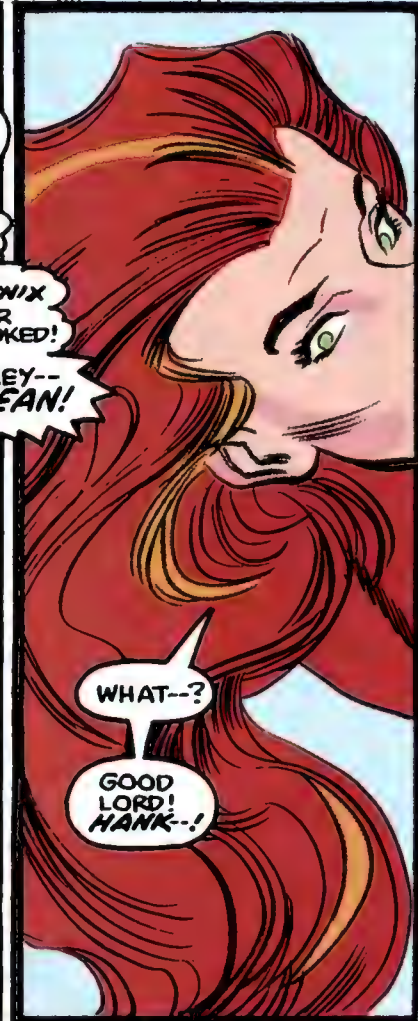
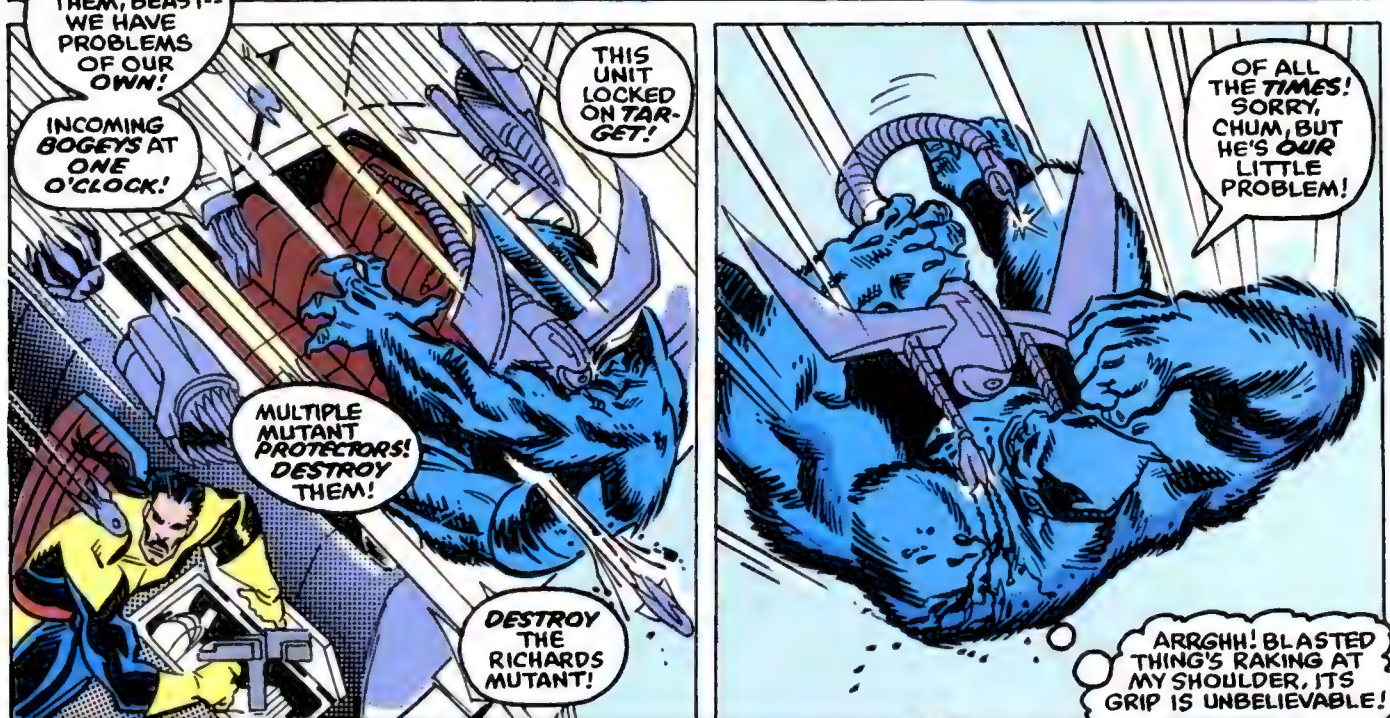
STOP IT,
RACHEL.

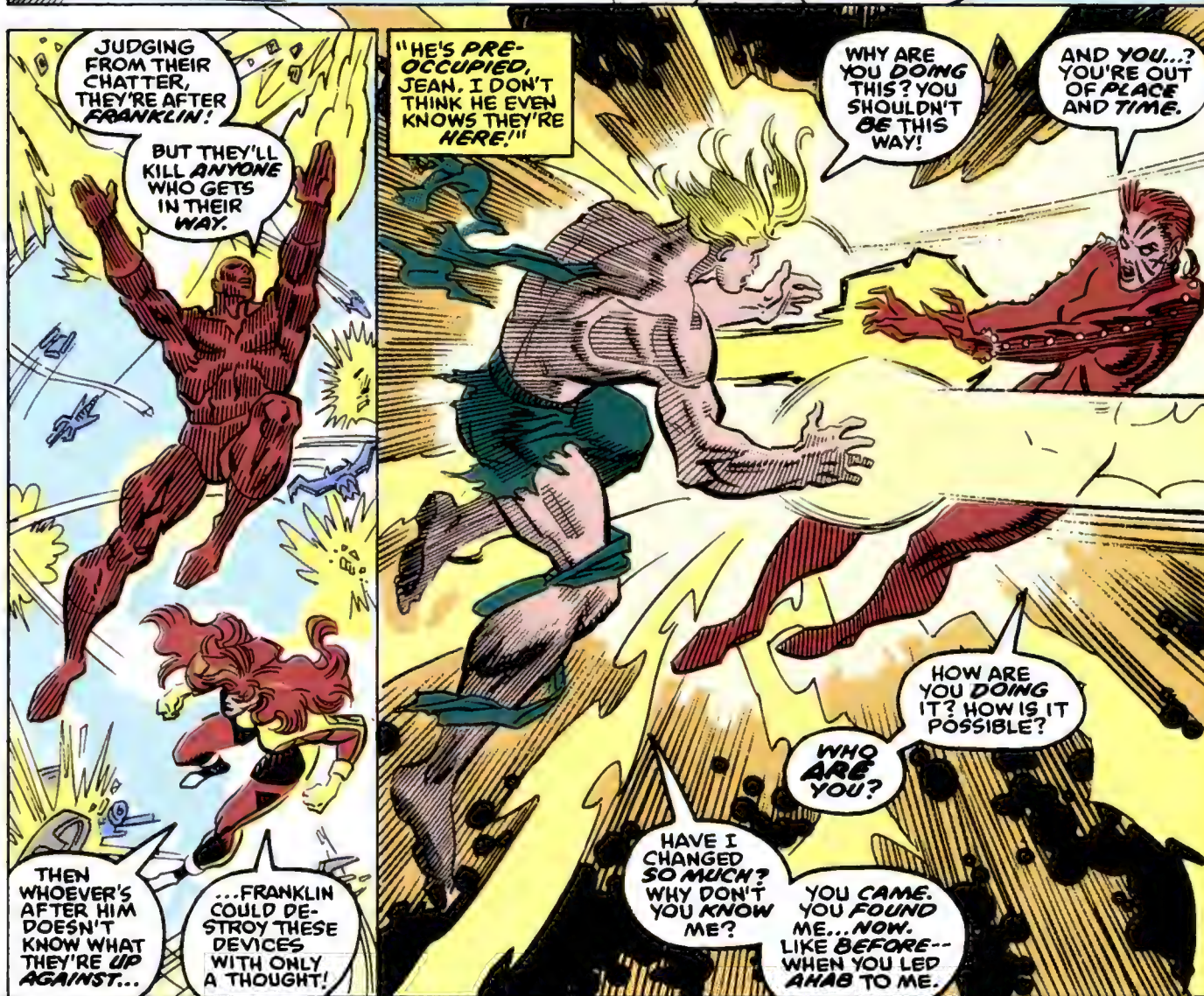
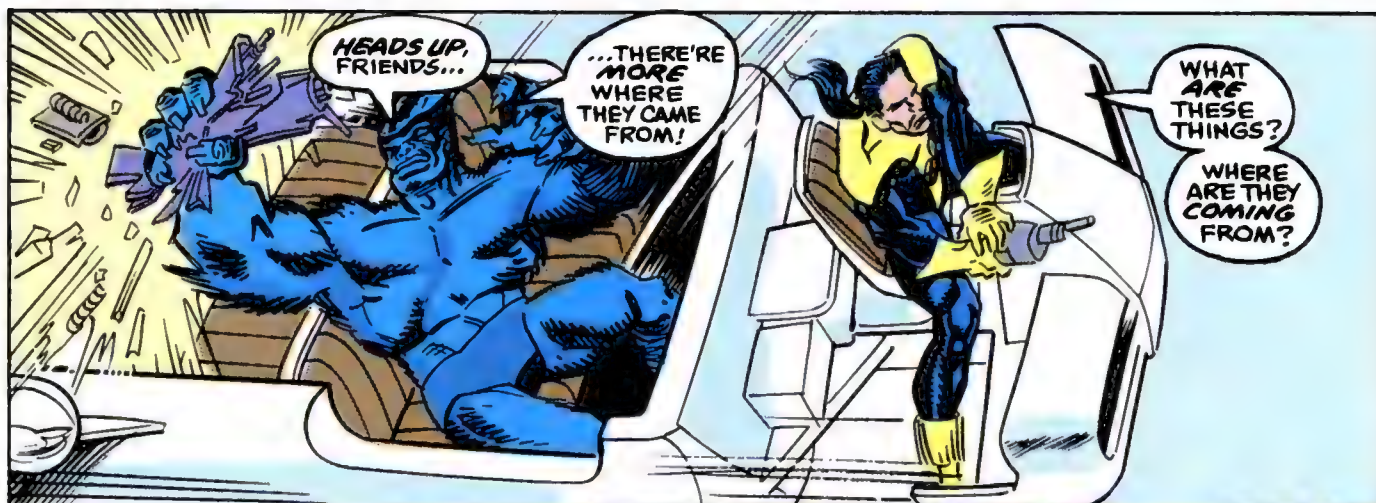
YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
DO THAT!

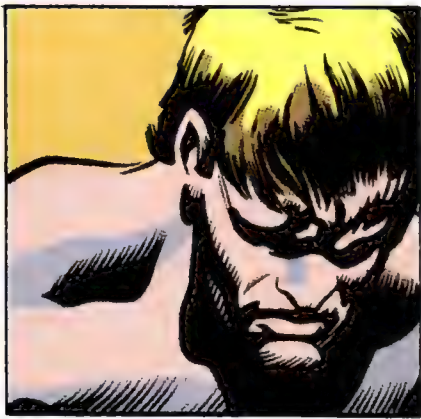
I DON'T
KNOW WHO YOU
ARE... OR HOW
YOU KNOW WHO
I AM... OR WHY
YOU THINK I
CAN'T DO WHAT
I CAN DO--!

BUT I KNOW
THIS! I'M THE
PHOENIX--
AND MY POWER
SPEAKS FOR
ITSELF!





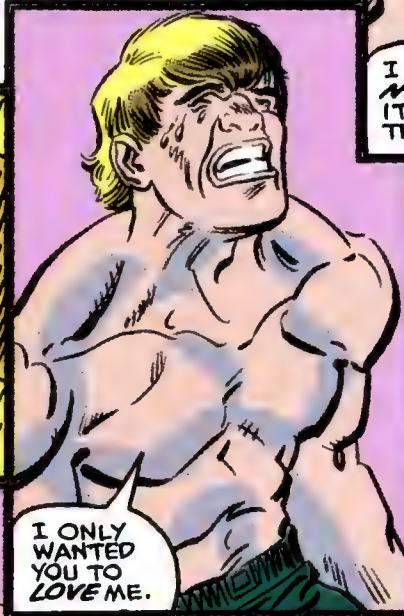




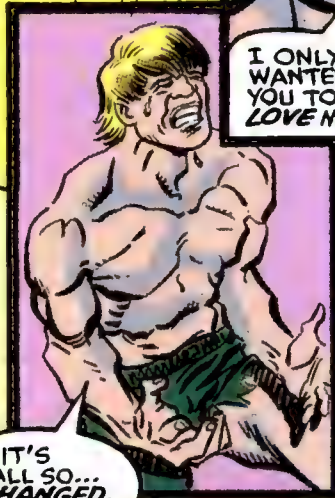
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HAPPENED?



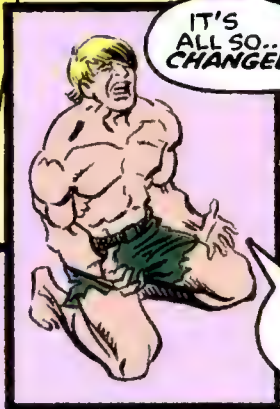
I NEVER
MEANT
IT TO BE
THIS WAY...



I ONLY
WANTED
YOU TO
LOVE ME.



IT'S
ALL SO...
CHANGED.



HOW
CAN IT
HAVE
GONE...



...SO
WRONG...?

THOOOM!



WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?

WHERE'S FRANKLIN? WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM--?

FRANKLIN...?

I...

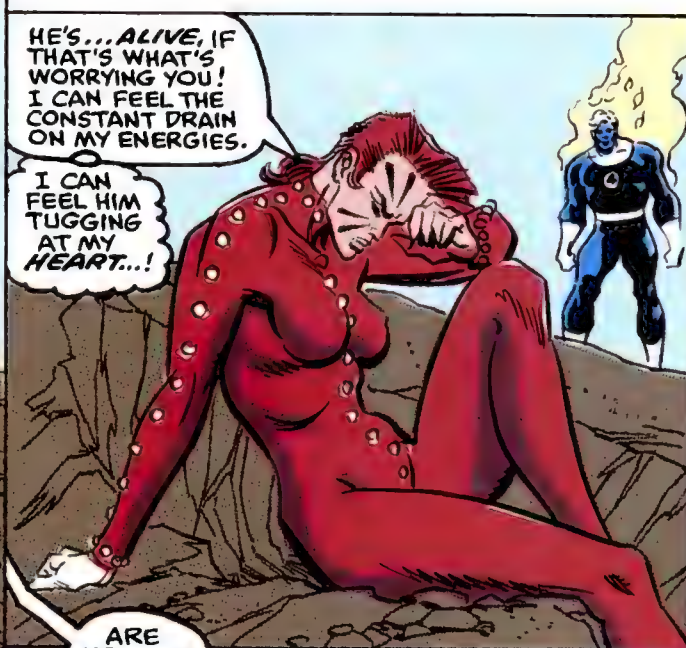
I FELT...

I... I KNEW HIM.

I WAS SO AFRAID.

HE SAYS HE LOVED ME.

WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER...?



HE'S... ALIVE, IF THAT'S WHAT'S WORRYING YOU! I CAN FEEL THE CONSTANT DRAIN ON MY ENERGIES.

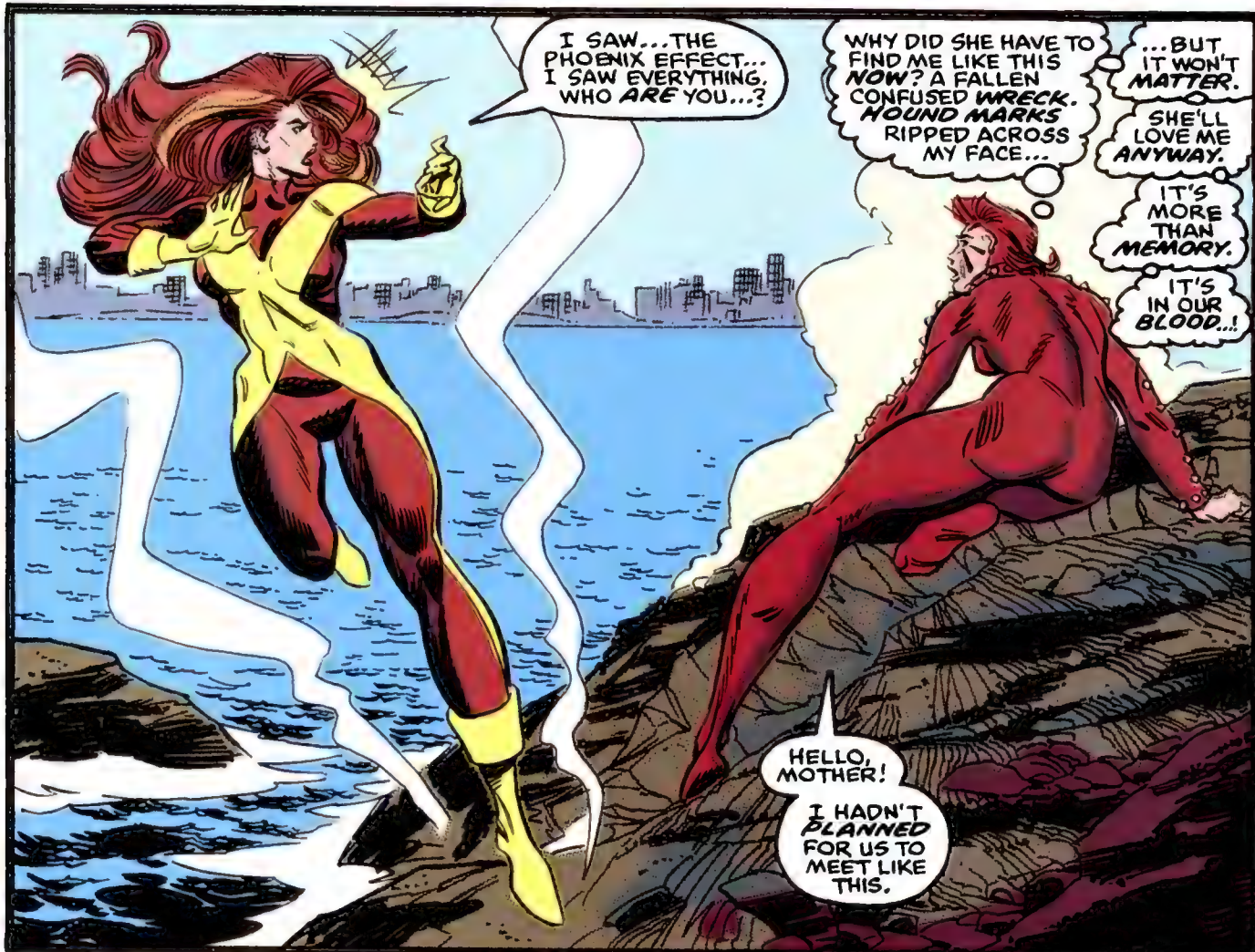
I CAN FEEL HIM TUGGING AT MY HEART...!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



I...

OH NO.



I SAW... THE PHOENIX EFFECT... I SAW EVERYTHING. WHO ARE YOU...?

WHY DID SHE HAVE TO FIND ME LIKE THIS NOW? A FALLEN CONFUSED WRECK. HOUND MARKS RIPPED ACROSS MY FACE...

...BUT IT WON'T MATTER. SHE'LL LOVE ME ANYWAY.

IT'S MORE THAN MEMORY.

IT'S IN OUR BLOOD...!

HELLO, MOTHER!

I HADN'T PLANNED FOR US TO MEET LIKE THIS.

WHILE ELSEWHERE
IN MANHATTAN...

THE
SCANNER
SHOWS A
SUDDEN
BURST OF
ENERGY...

...FROM
THERE...HIGH
ATOP THE
CHRYSLER
BUILDING!

IT'S
FRANKLIN,
ALL RIGHT,
BUT HE'S
JUST...LYIN'
THERE.

HE'S
THE VERY
PICTURE OF
ABJECT
MISERY.
IS HE
HURT?

I DON'T
THINK SO. AT
LEAST HE'S NOT
GOIN' ANYWHERE
THIS TIME...OR
DOIN' ANYBODY
ANY HARM.

BETTER
LET US OFF,
FORGE. HE KNOWS
SHARY AN' ME
BETTER THAN
THE REST OF
YOU.

MAYBE
WE CAN TALK
TO 'IM. GET 'IM
TO TELL US
WHAT'S GOIN'
ON...

LISSEN,
KID. YOU
WANNA TELL
ME AN' YER
AUNT SHARY
JUST WHAT'S
GOIN' ON--?

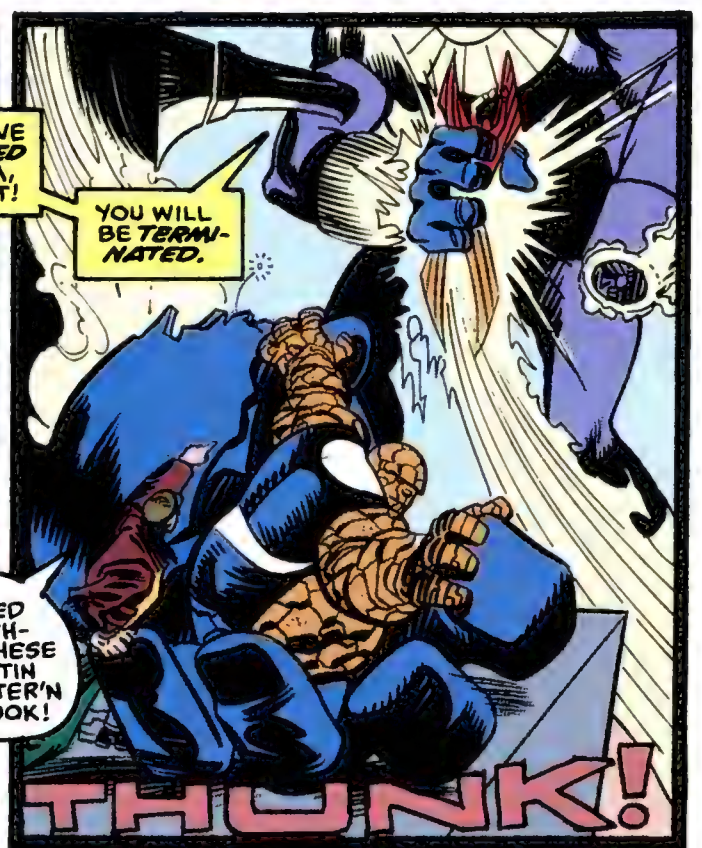
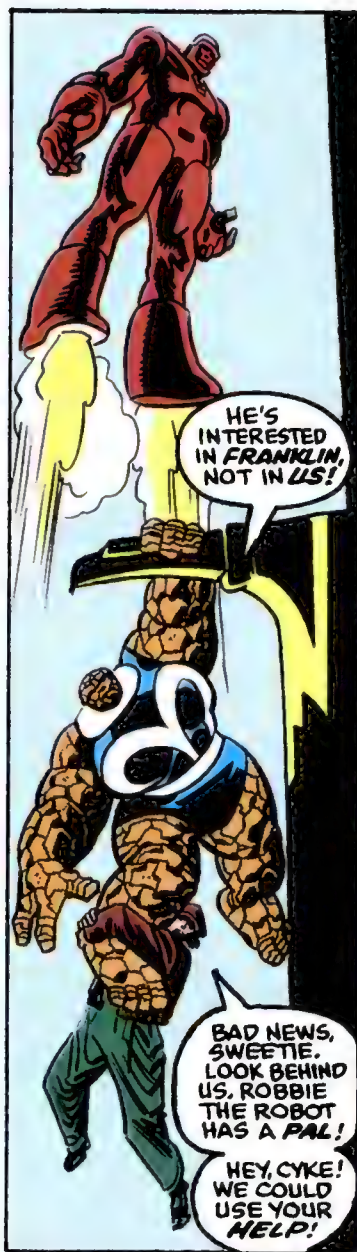
AND CON-
VINCE HIM,
SOMEHOW,
TO SET
THINGS
RIGHT!

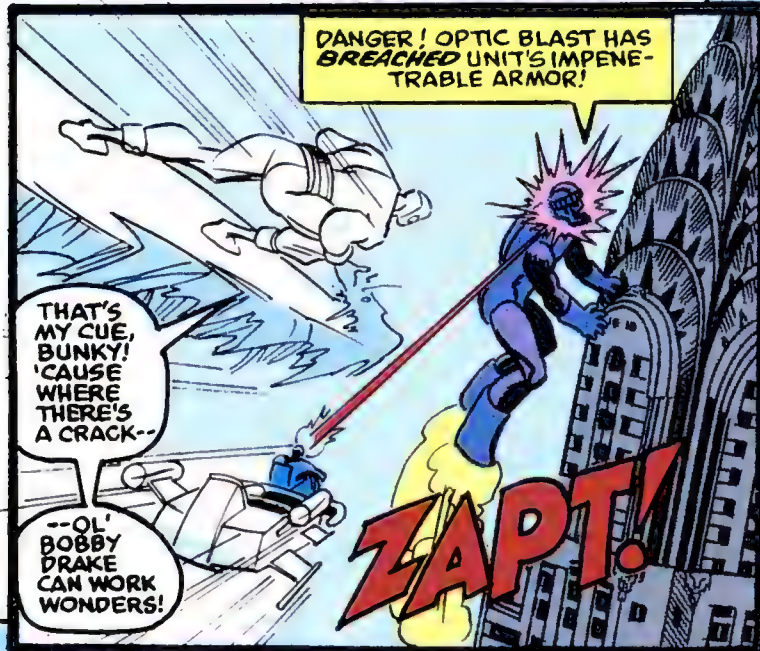
BEN, I'M
NOT SURE
HE HEARS
YOU, I'M NOT
SURE HE EVEN
KNOWS YOU'RE
THERE.

IT'S AS IF HE'S ON
ANOTHER PLANE
OF EXISTENCE...!

THOOOMB

A GIANT
ROBOT!
WHERE DID
HE COME
FROM?





DANGER! OPTIC BLAST HAS BREACHED UNIT'S IMPENETRABLE ARMOR!

THAT'S MY CUE, BUNKY! 'CAUSE WHERE THERE'S A CRACK--

--OL' BOBBY DRAKE CAN WORK WONDERS!

ZAPT!



CRACKLE SKREEEE

POP

SNAPT

ALERT! ALERT! THIS UNIT IS BEING FILLED WITH ICE!

INTERNAL ENVIRONMENT APPROACHING ABSOLUTE ZERO! CANNOT SUSTAIN SYSTEMS AT THIS TEMPERATURE! WARNING: SYSTEM SHUT DOWN! SYSTEM:--

ONE DOWN!

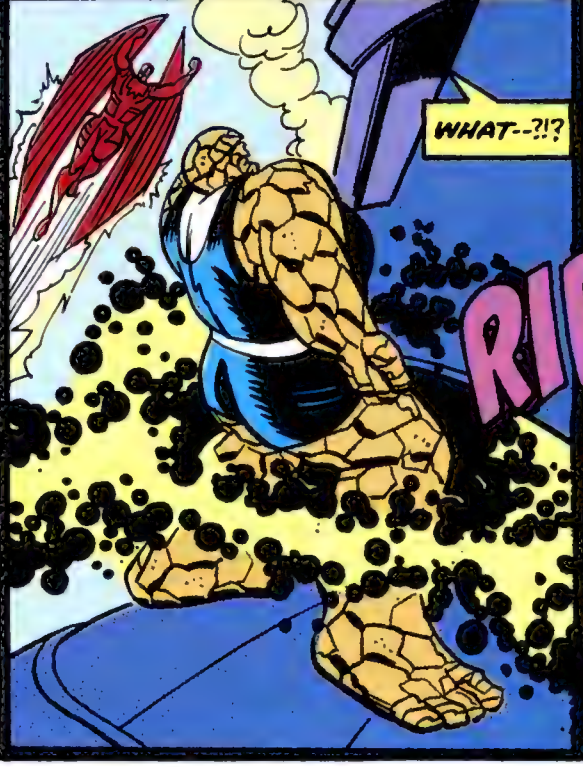


GO, SHARY! NOW!

HE'S ONE-HANDED, NOW. HE'S GOTTA RELEASE ARCHANGEL TO SWAT AT YA...



WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CREATURE?



WHAT--?!?



FWOOOOOM!

RIPPPP!

ARCH-ANGEL! LOOK--!

SOME KIND OF WARP HAS APPEARED. THE SENTINEL IS BEING SUCKED INTO IT!



MY LITTLE PAL, TOO! BOTH SENTINELS HAVE JUST... **DIS-APPEARED!**

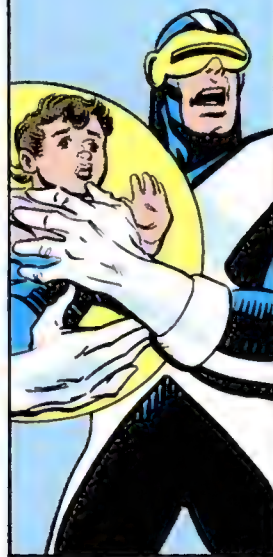
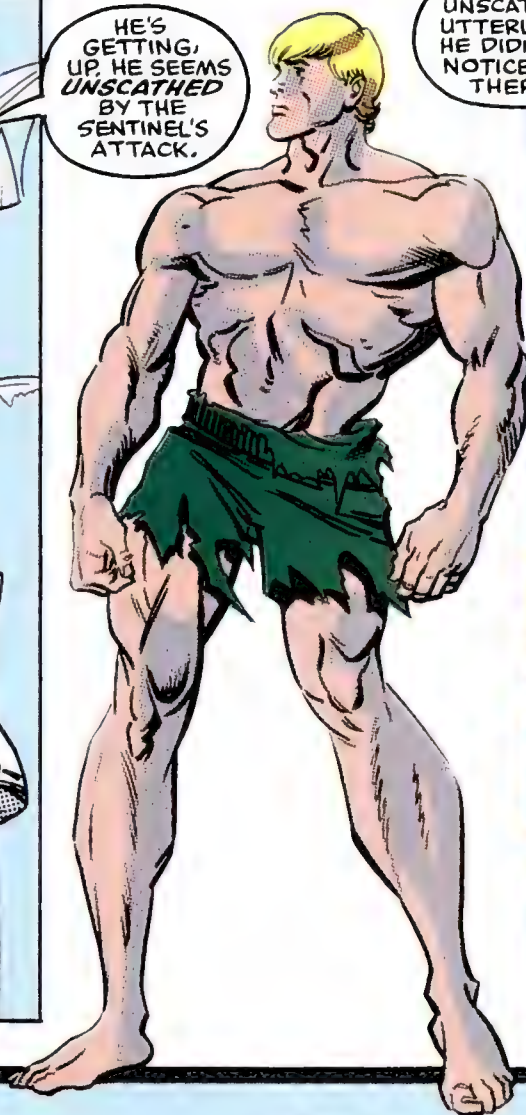
WHAT NOW--? WHAT ABOUT FRANKLIN?

HE'S GETTING UP. HE SEEMS **UNSCATHED** BY THE SENTINEL'S ATTACK.

UNSCATHED AND UTTERLY **OBLIVIOUS!** HE DIDN'T SEEM TO NOTICE THEY WERE THERE...

...DESPITE TAKING A **DIRECT HIT!**

FRANKLIN, LISTEN TO US! WE HAVE TO TALK TO YOU. WE--

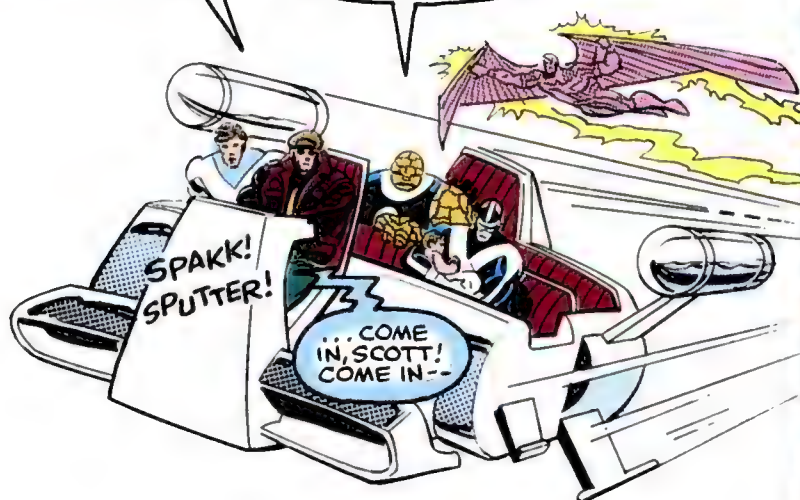


BUT, THERE IS NO RESPONSE, NO RECOGNITION. ONLY A BLINDING, SEARING FLASH OF LIGHT... AND, AT ITS CENTER, FRANKLIN RICHARDS VANISHES...



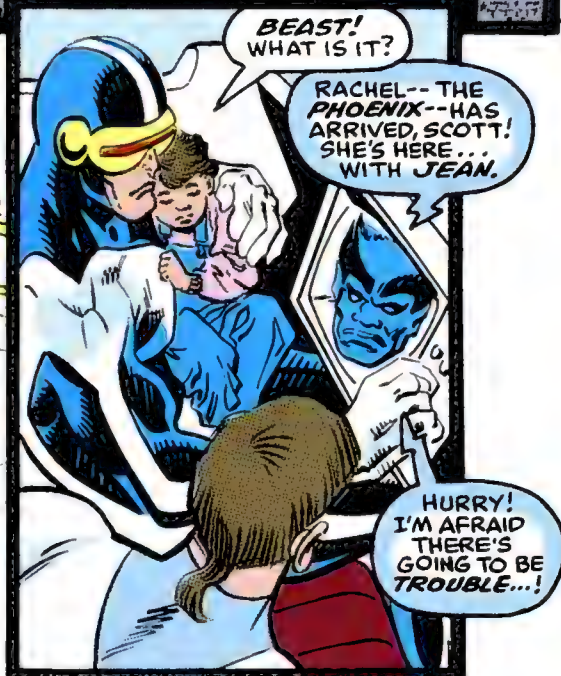
HE'S GONE! BUT **WHERE--?**

IT DOESN'T MATTER, ICEMAN. WE'LL FIND HIM.



SPAKK! SPUTTER!

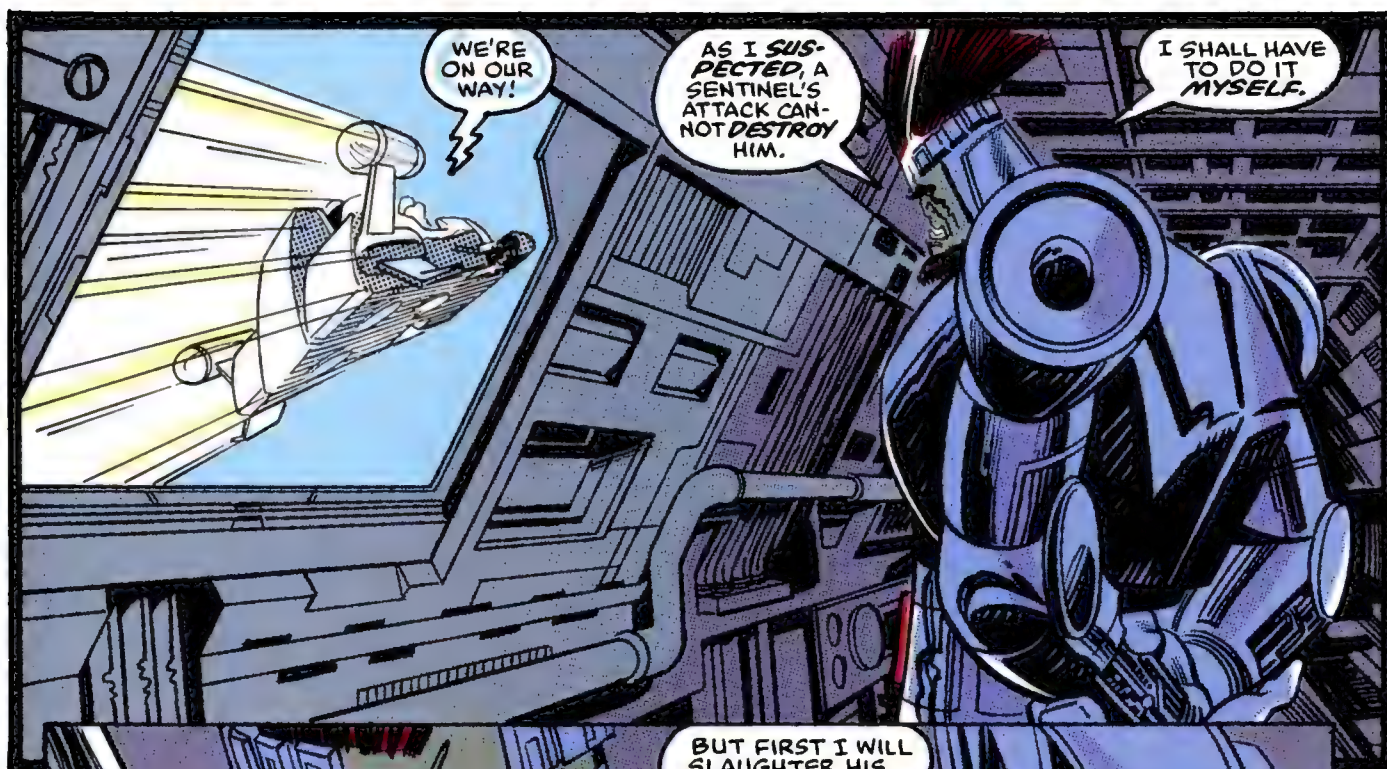
...COME IN, SCOTT! COME IN--



BEAST! WHAT IS IT?

RACHEL-- THE PHOENIX--HAS ARRIVED, SCOTT! SHE'S HERE... WITH JEAN.

HURRY! I'M AFRAID THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE...!



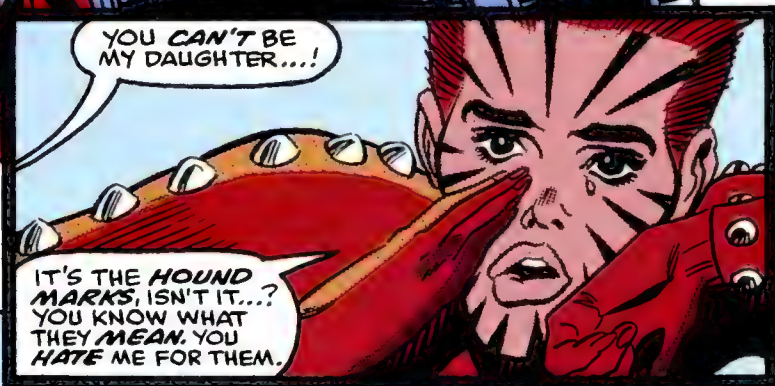
WE'RE
ON OUR
WAY!

AS I *SUS-
PECTED*, A
SENTINEL'S
ATTACK CAN-
NOT *DESTROY*
HIM.

I SHALL HAVE
TO DO IT
MYSELF.



BUT FIRST I WILL
SLAUGHTER HIS
PROTECTOR.



YOU *CAN'T* BE
MY DAUGHTER....!

IT'S THE *HOUND
MARKS*, ISN'T IT...?
YOU KNOW WHAT
THEY *MEAN*. YOU
HATE ME FOR THEM.

AND ON LIBERTY ISLAND...

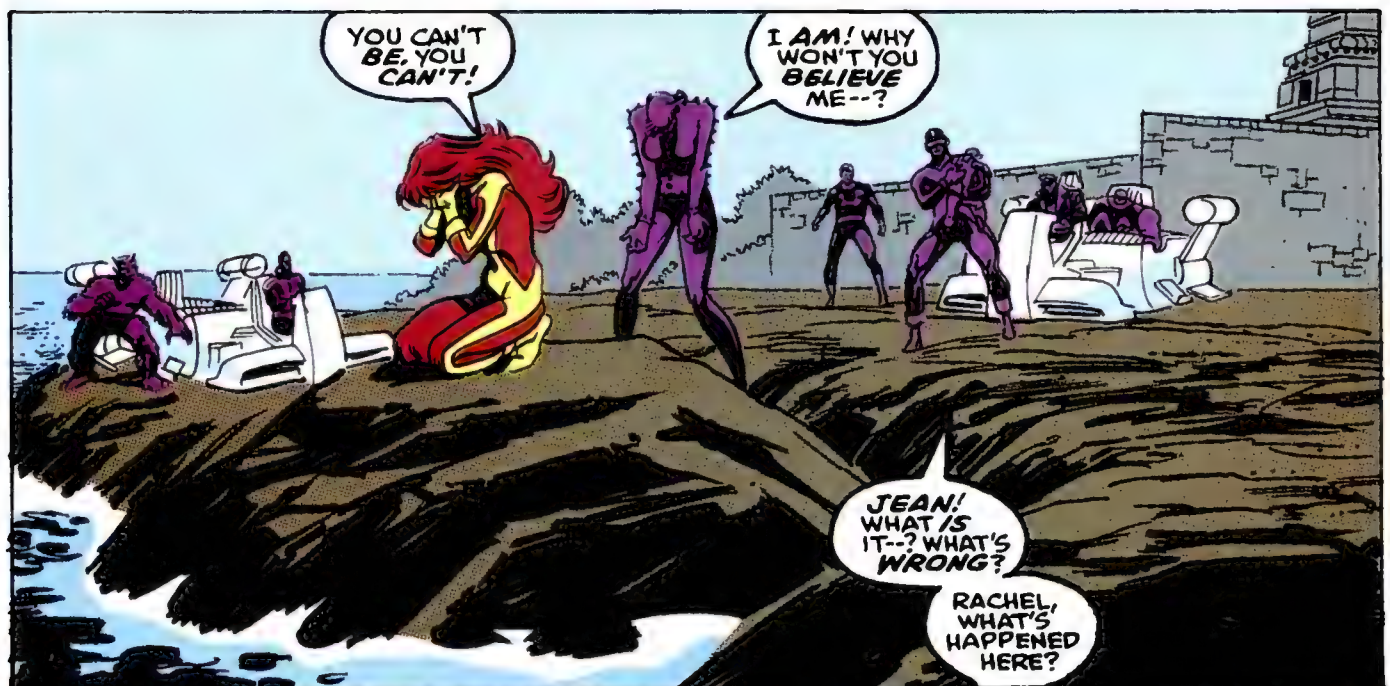


HATE YOU--?
HOW *COULD* I
HATE? I DON'T
KNOW YOU...

BUT...IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU'RE MY AGE.
HOW *CAN* YOU BE
MY DAUGHTER?

IT'S THE
FUTURE.
I'M YOUR
DAUGHTER
FROM THE
FUTURE.

NO!

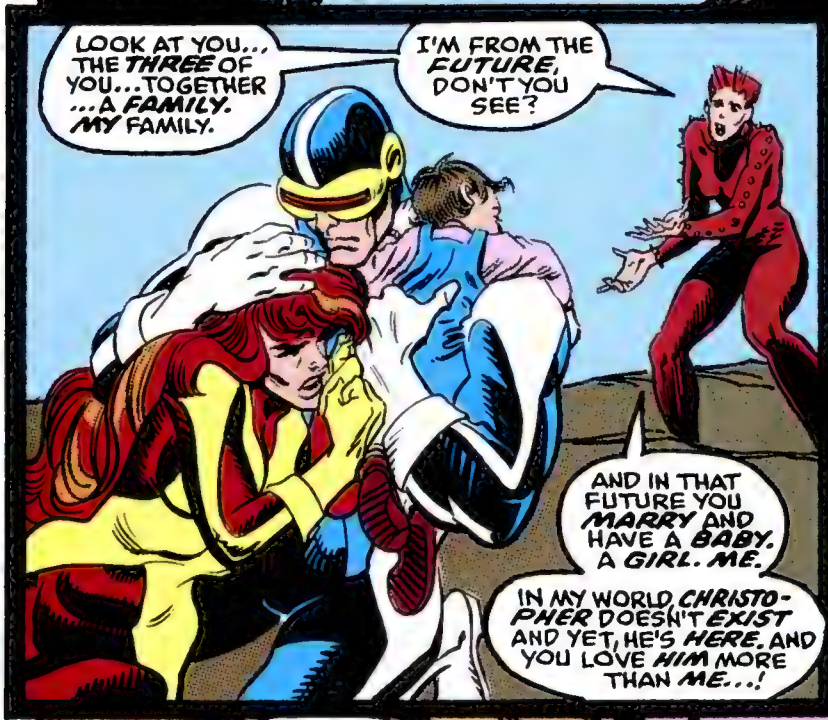


YOU CAN'T BE, YOU CAN'T!

I AM! WHY WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME--?

JEAN! WHAT IS IT--? WHAT'S WRONG?

RACHEL, WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE?



LOOK AT YOU... THE THREE OF YOU... TOGETHER... A FAMILY. MY FAMILY.

I'M FROM THE FUTURE, DON'T YOU SEE?

AND IN THAT FUTURE YOU MARRY AND HAVE A BABY. A GIRL. ME.

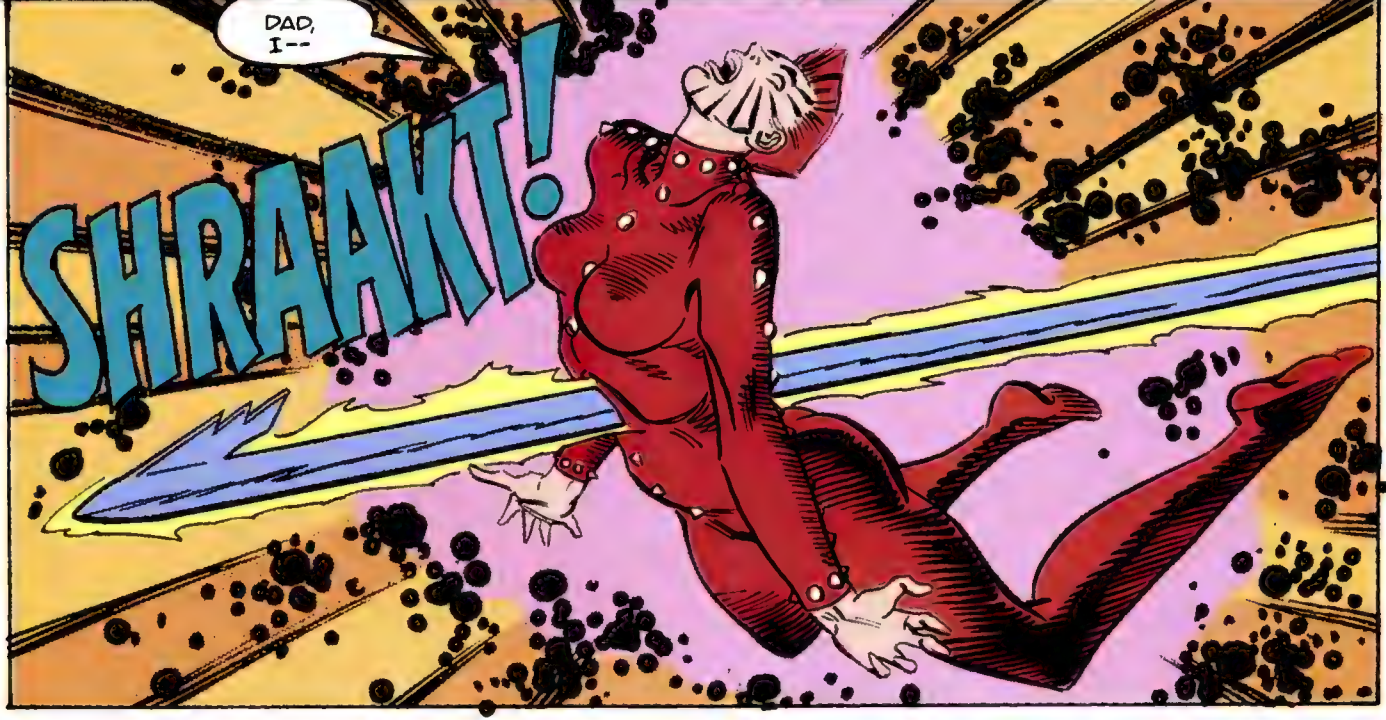
IN MY WORLD, CHRISTOPHER DOESN'T EXIST AND YET, HE'S HERE, AND YOU LOVE HIM MORE THAN ME...!



WHAT--?!? RACHEL-- ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE OUR DAUGHTER?!

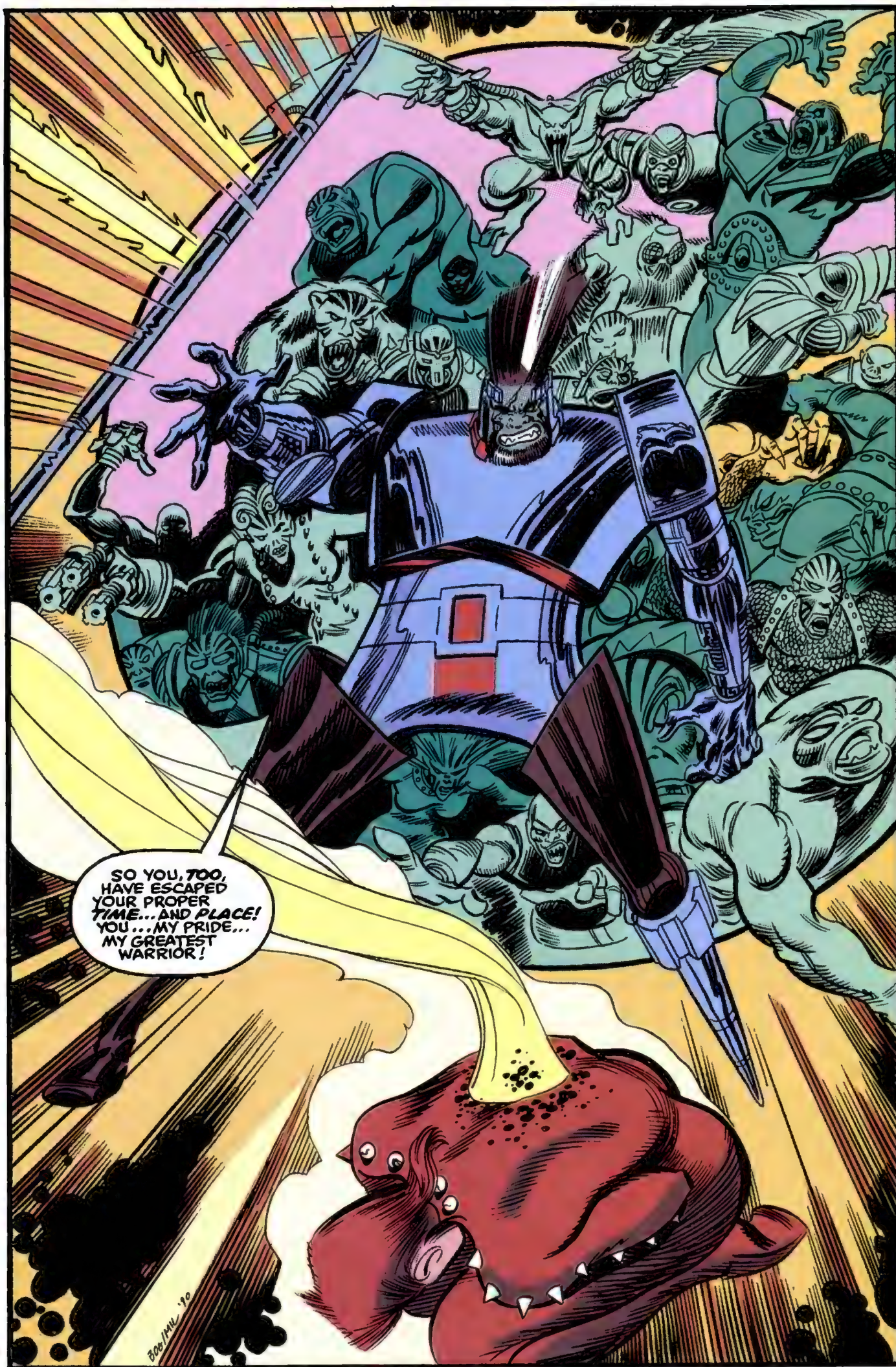
I DIDN'T KNOW. WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

RACHEL...?



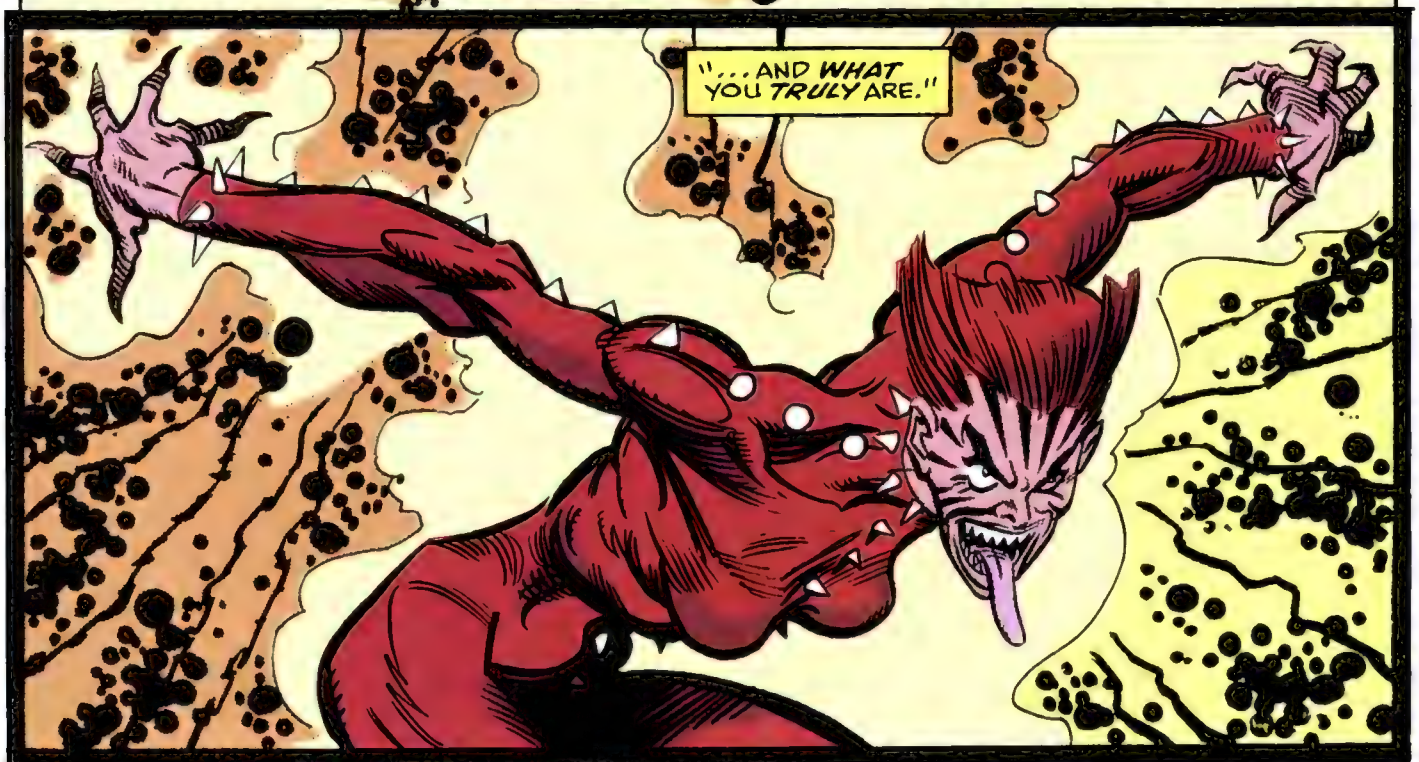
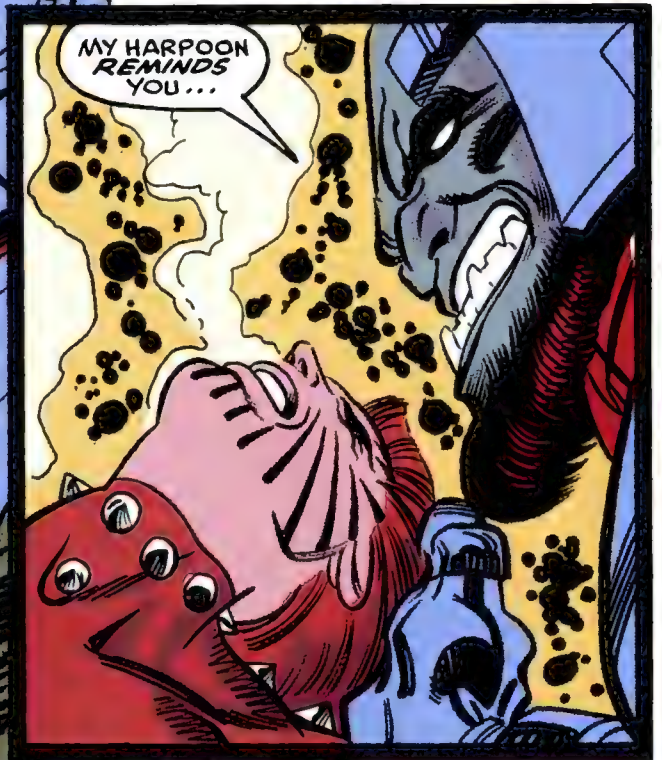
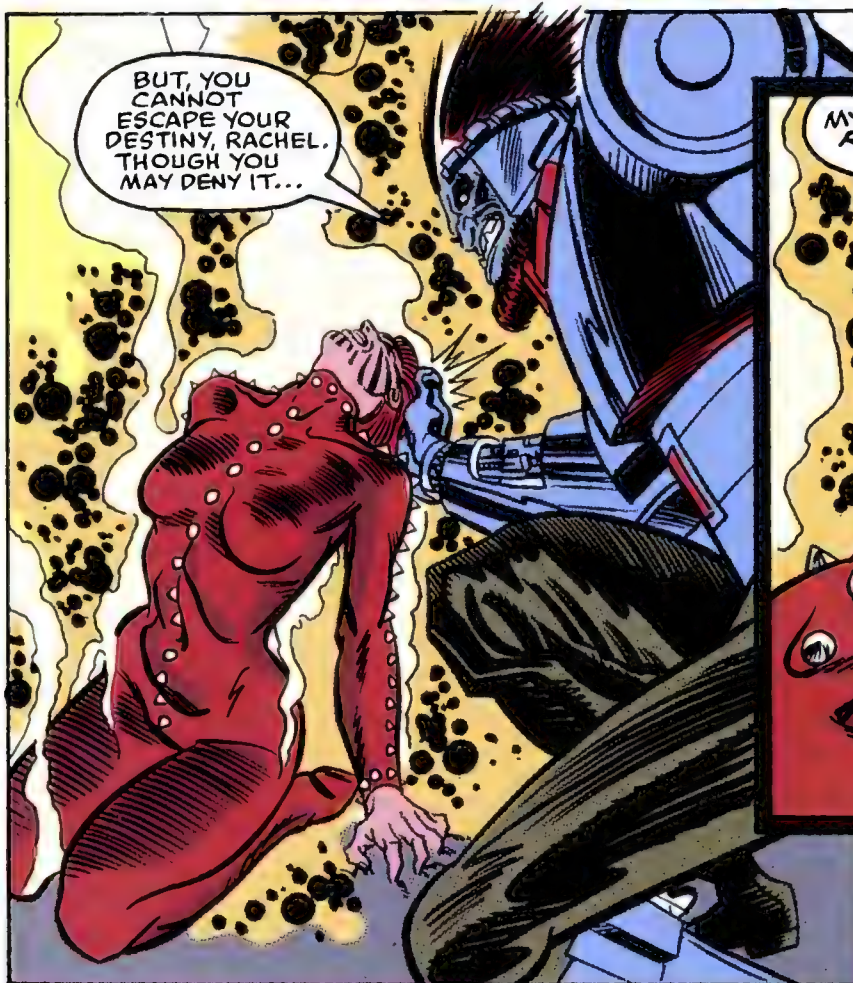
DAD, I--

SHRAAKT!



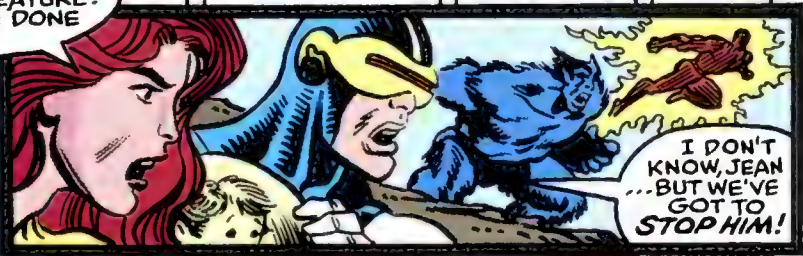
SO YOU, TOO,
HAVE ESCAPED
YOUR PROPER
TIME... AND PLACE!
YOU... MY PRIDE...
MY GREATEST
WARRIOR!

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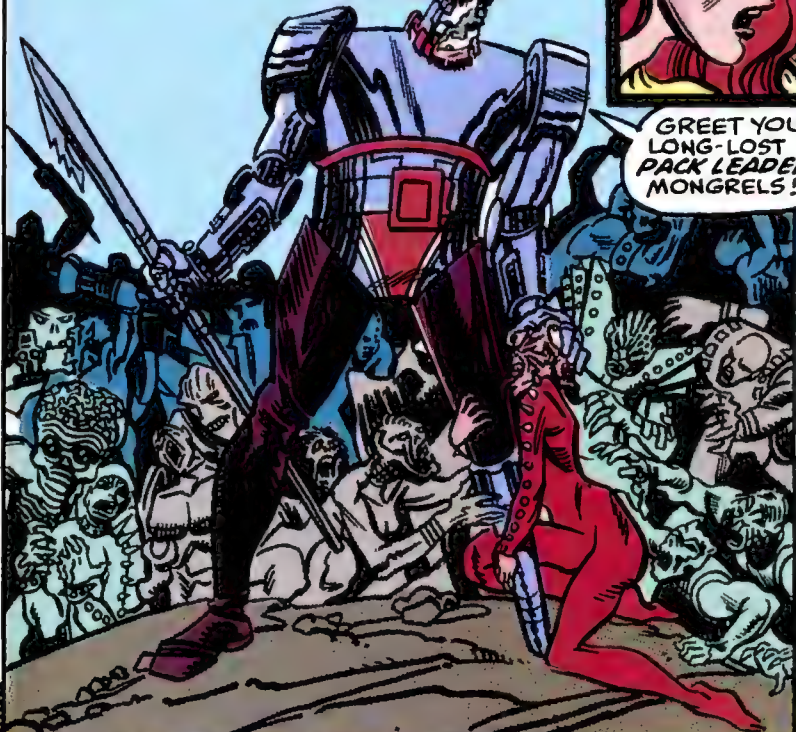


A KILLER...
OF HER OWN
KIND. A
HOUND...
NOTHING
MORE.

SCOTT, WHO *IS* THAT CREATURE?
GOOD LORD, WHAT'S HE DONE
TO RACHEL?



I DON'T
KNOW, JEAN
...BUT WE'VE
GOT TO
STOP HIM!



GREET YOUR
LONG-LOST
PACK LEADER,
MONGRELS!

WELCOME
HER BACK TO
THE FOLD!



NO!
GET AWAY
FROM ME!



YOU'RE...
WRONG!
TWISTED!
YOU DIS-
GUST ME!



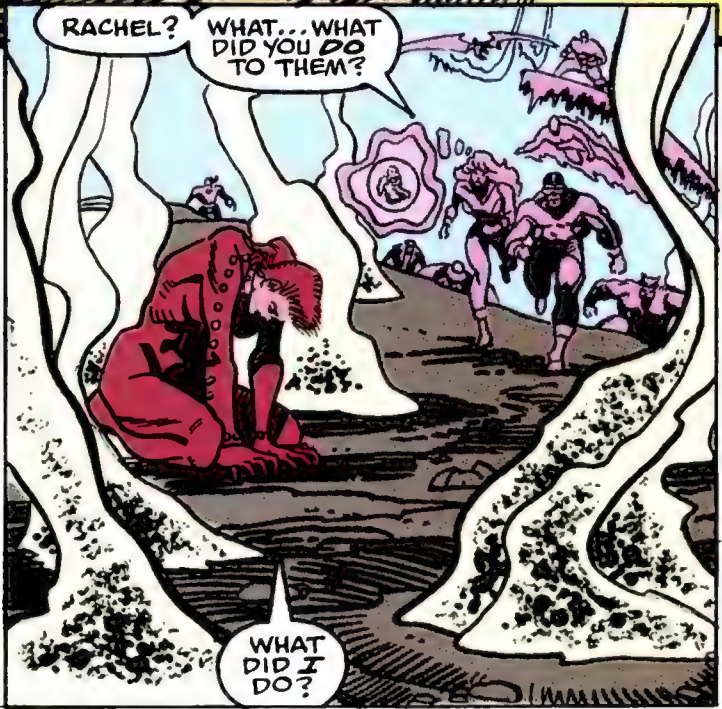
I AM
NOT
ONE
OF YOU!



I AM
HOUND NO
LONGER...!

I AM **PHOENIX**--
AND YOU **CARRION**
EATERS ARE MY
PREY!

SHRA KOOOOM!



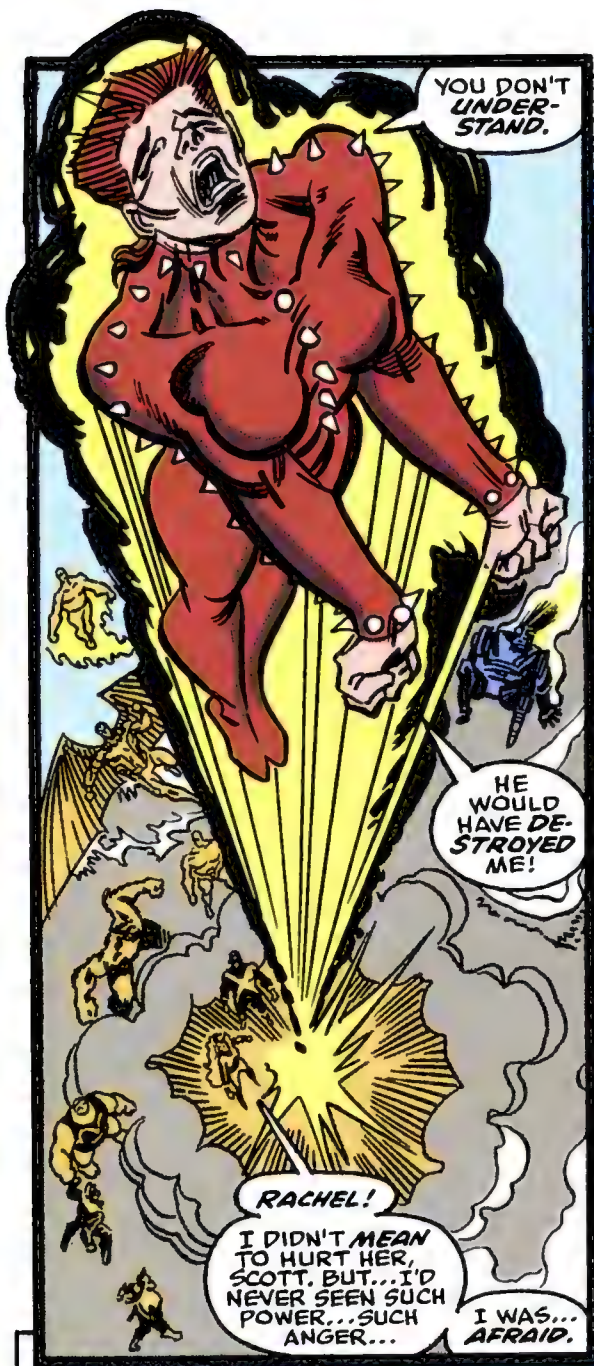
RACHEL?

WHAT... WHAT
DID YOU **DO**
TO THEM?

WHAT
DID I
DO?



NOT WHAT
DID HE DO
TO ME?



...THAT YOU MUST FEAR! IN A FUTURE TIME, I HELPED ERADICATE YOUR RACE. NOW... TO SAVE MY TIMELINE FROM OBLIVION... YOU WILL DIE!



SHRAKT!

JEAN,
LOOK!

A SINGLE
SPOT... A
SLIT IN THE
SKY... WHERE
MY OPTIC
BLAST DIS-
APPEARS!

EXCELLENT!
AGAINST THESE
ODDS THE MUTANTS
HAVE NO CHANCE.

SOON-- NO!
IN THE
DISTANCE...
MORE OF
THEIR
ACCURSED
NUMBER
ARRIVE.

BANSHEE OF
THE X-MEN...

...THE NEW MUTANTS SUNSPOT,
WARLOCK, BOOM-BOOM AND
CANNONBALL, LED BY THE
MYSTERIOUS MAN CALLED CABLE...

IT WILL
DO THEM
NO GOOD!
THEY WILL
FALL... AS
THEY ALL FELL
BEFORE!

...AND THE FANTASTIC
FOUR'S MR. FANTASTIC
AND THE INVISIBLE
WOMAN, WITH THEIR
UNCONSCIOUS SON,
FRANKLIN...*

* SEE THIS YEAR'S NEW
MUTANTS ANNUAL
FOR THE STORY OF
THIS TEAM-UP!



...LEAP TO THEIR TEAM-
MATES' AID! AND SLOWLY,
THE BALANCE OF POWER
BEGINS TO TURN...



THE INVISIBLE
WOMAN'S IM-
PENETRABLE
FORCE FIELD
DEFLECTS THE
WEAPON...

THERE HE IS!
FRANKLIN--
THE CHILD AS HE
BELONGS IN THIS
TIME AND PLACE!
UNCONSCIOUS...
POWERLESS...

...AND
THEREFORE,
IN MY
POWER!

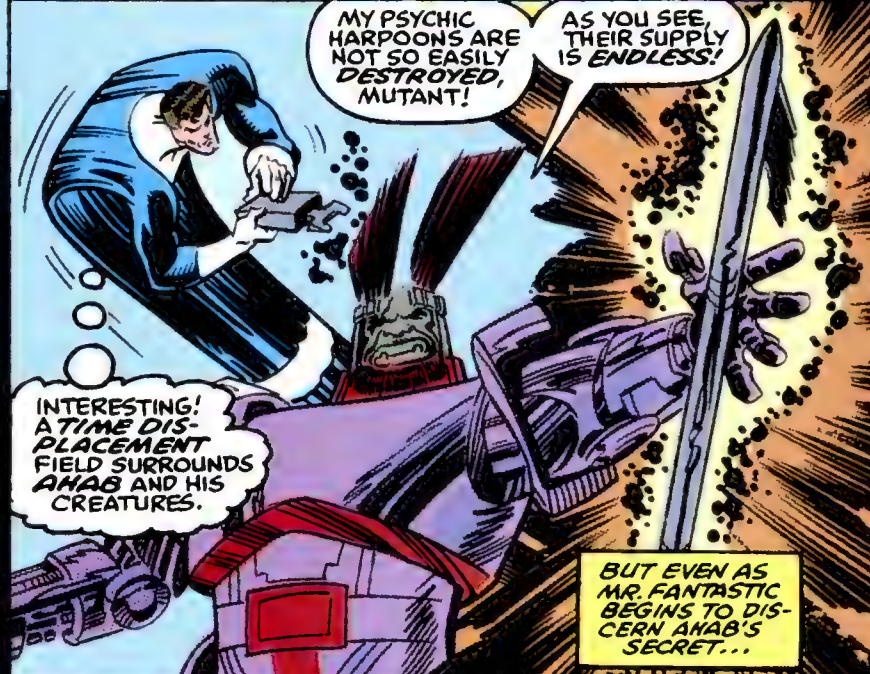
A HARPOON WILL END MY
TROUBLES WITH HIM... NOW...
AND FOR ALL TIME!

NO! MY SON HAS
SUFFERED ENOUGH,
MONSTER! DO YOU
HEAR ME!? ENOUGH!!*

* CHECK OUT
THE NEW MUTANTS
ANNUAL!



...AS BANSHEE'S
SONIC BLAST
SHATTERS IT.
BUT...

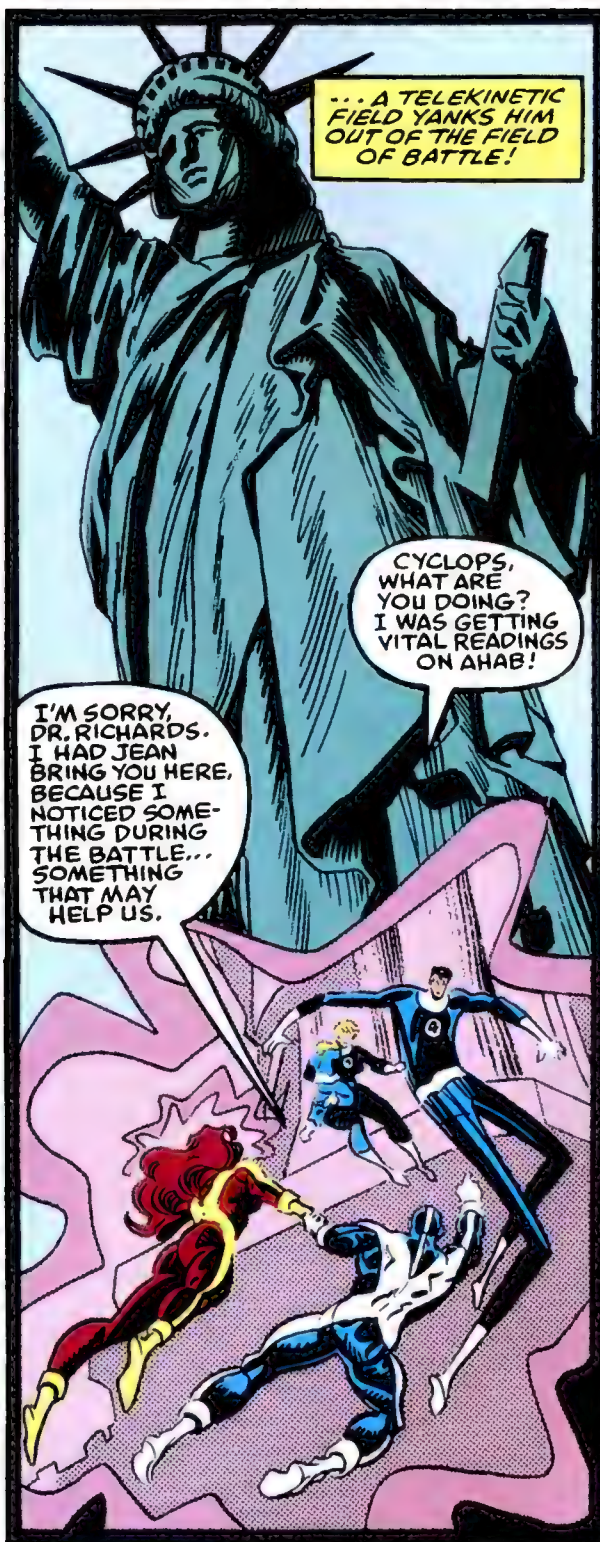


MY PSYCHIC
HARPOONS ARE
NOT SO EASILY
DESTROYED,
MUTANT!

AS YOU SEE
THEIR SUPPLY
IS ENDLESS!

INTERESTING!
A TIME DIS-
PLACEMENT
FIELD SURROUNDS
ANAB AND HIS
CREATURES.

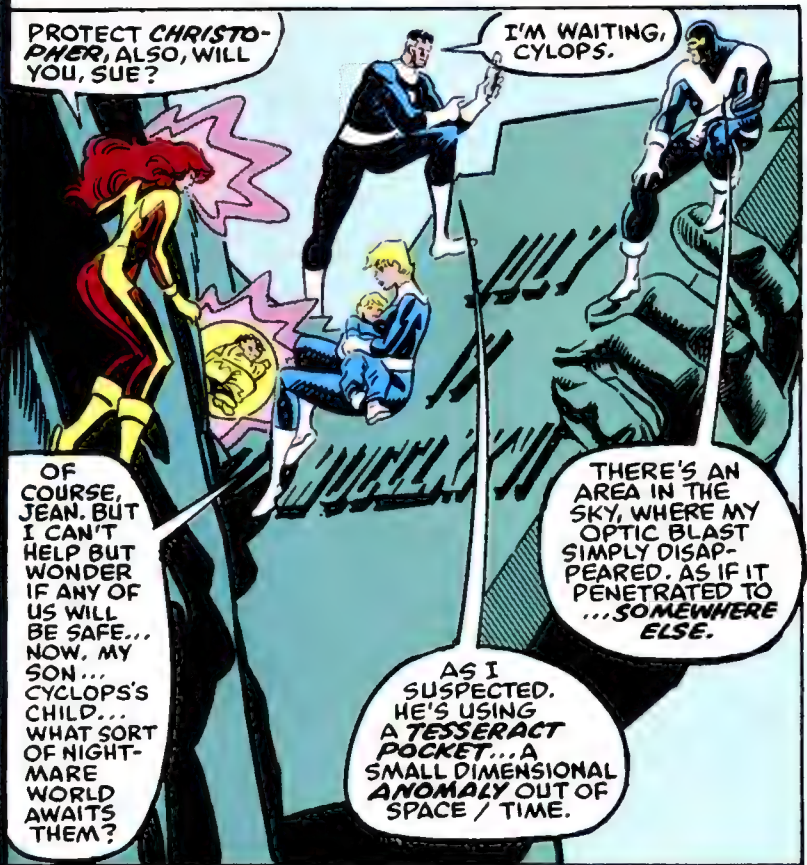
BUT EVEN AS
MR. FANTASTIC
BEGINS TO DIS-
CERN ANAB'S
SECRET...



... A TELEKINETIC FIELD YANKS HIM OUT OF THE FIELD OF BATTLE!

I'M SORRY, DR. RICHARDS. I HAD JEAN BRING YOU HERE, BECAUSE I NOTICED SOMETHING DURING THE BATTLE... SOMETHING THAT MAY HELP US.

CYCLOPS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I WAS GETTING VITAL READINGS ON AHAB!



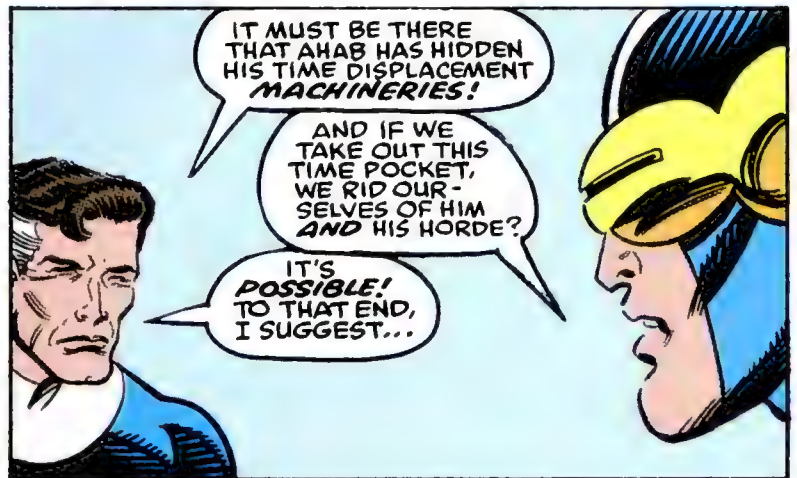
PROTECT CHRISTOPHER, ALSO, WILL YOU, SUE?

I'M WAITING, CYCLOPS.

OF COURSE, JEAN. BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER IF ANY OF US WILL BE SAFE... NOW, MY SON... CYCLOPS'S CHILD... WHAT SORT OF NIGHTMARE WORLD AWAITS THEM?

THERE'S AN AREA IN THE SKY, WHERE MY OPTIC BLAST SIMPLY DISAPPEARED. AS IF IT PENETRATED TO ... SOMEWHERE ELSE.

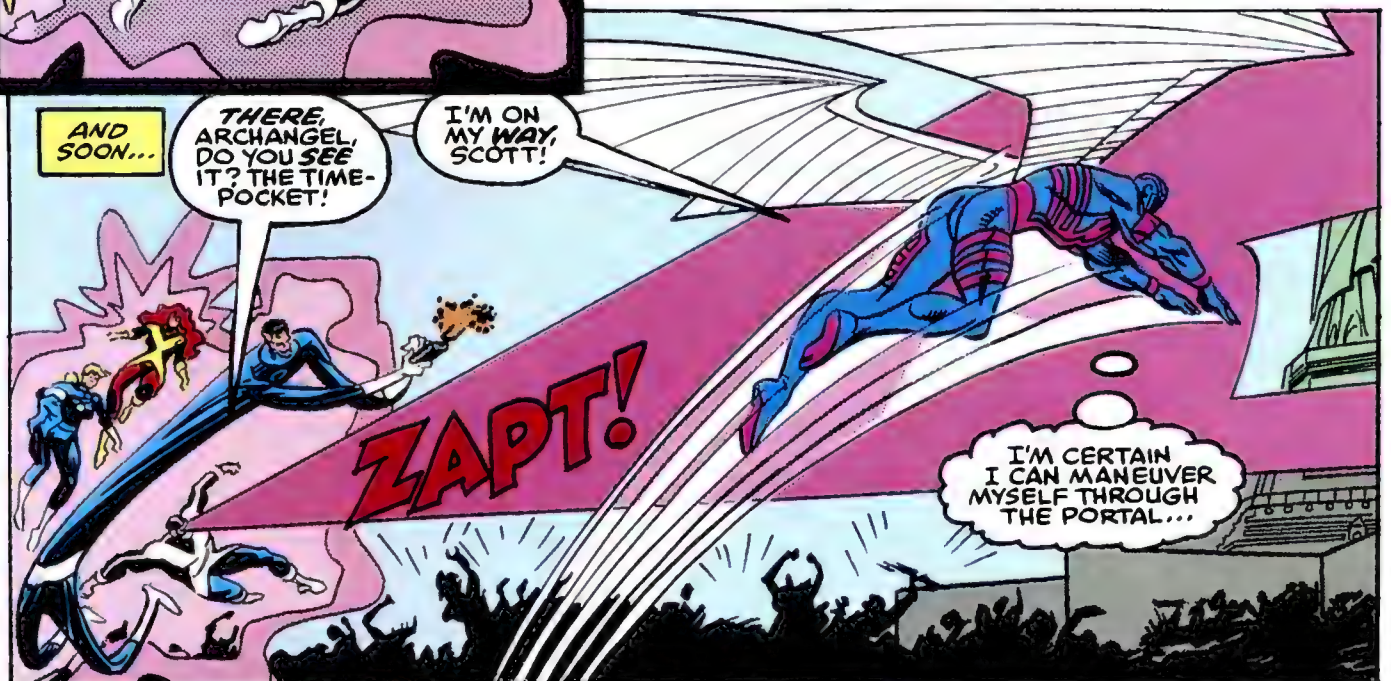
AS I SUSPECTED, HE'S USING A TESSERACT POCKET... A SMALL DIMENSIONAL ANOMALY OUT OF SPACE / TIME.



IT MUST BE THERE THAT AHAB HAS HIDDEN HIS TIME DISPLACEMENT MACHINERIES!

AND IF WE TAKE OUT THIS TIME POCKET, WE RID OURSELVES OF HIM AND HIS HORDE?

IT'S POSSIBLE! TO THAT END, I SUGGEST...



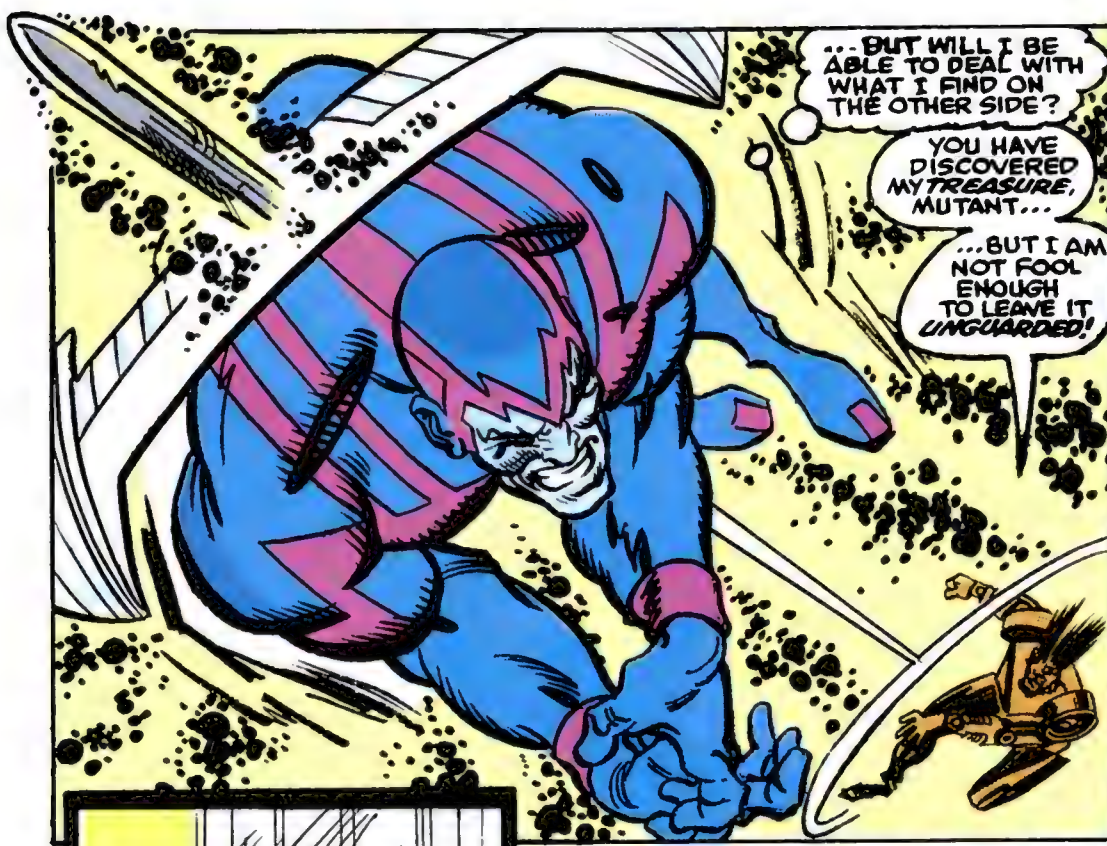
AND SOON...

THERE, ARCHANGEL, DO YOU SEE IT? THE TIME-POCKET!

I'M ON MY WAY, SCOTT!

ZAPT!

I'M CERTAIN I CAN MANEUVER MYSELF THROUGH THE PORTAL...



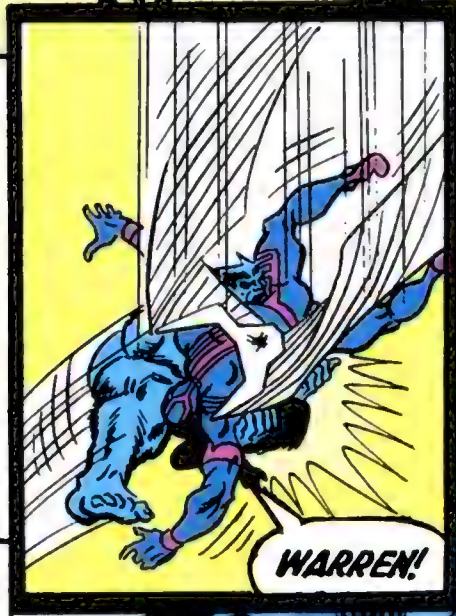
...BUT WILL I BE
ABLE TO DEAL WITH
WHAT I FIND ON
THE OTHER SIDE?

YOU HAVE
DISCOVERED
MY TREASURE,
MUTANT...

...BUT I AM
NOT FOOL
ENOUGH
TO LEAVE IT
UNGUARDED!



AARGH!



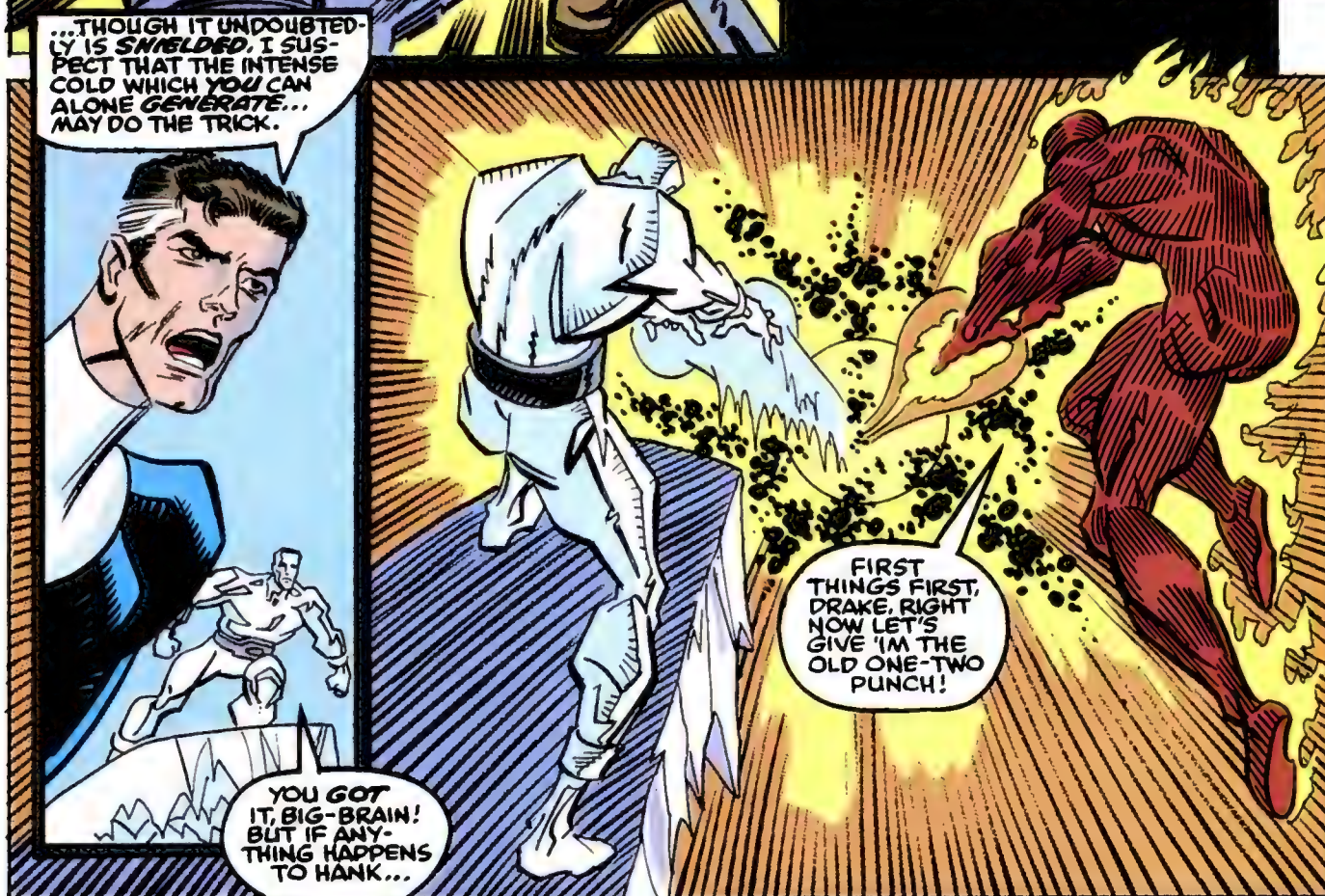
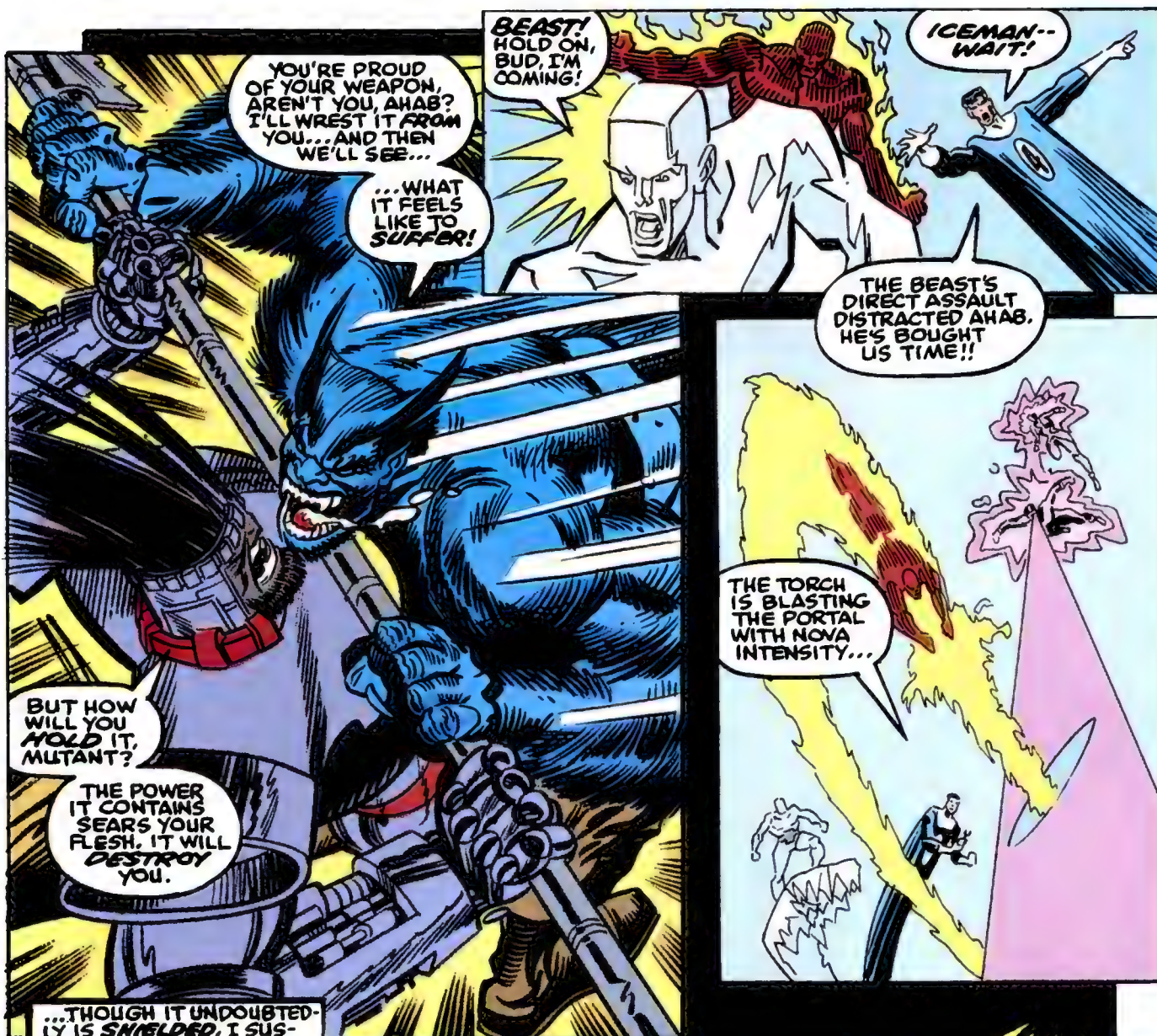
WARREN!

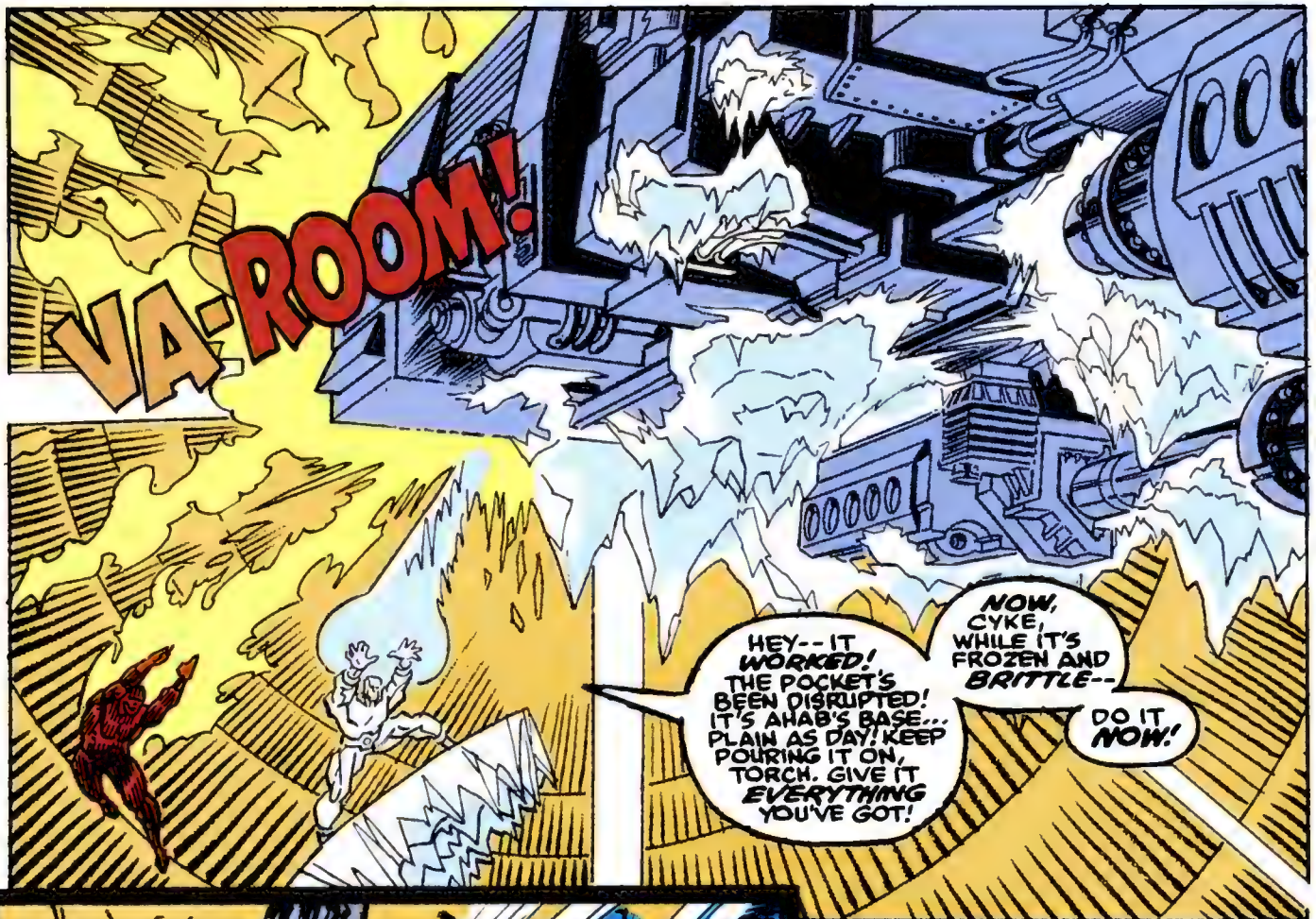


**YOU'VE
KILLED
HIM!**



**YOU'LL PAY
FOR THAT, AHAB!
I SWEAR IT!!**

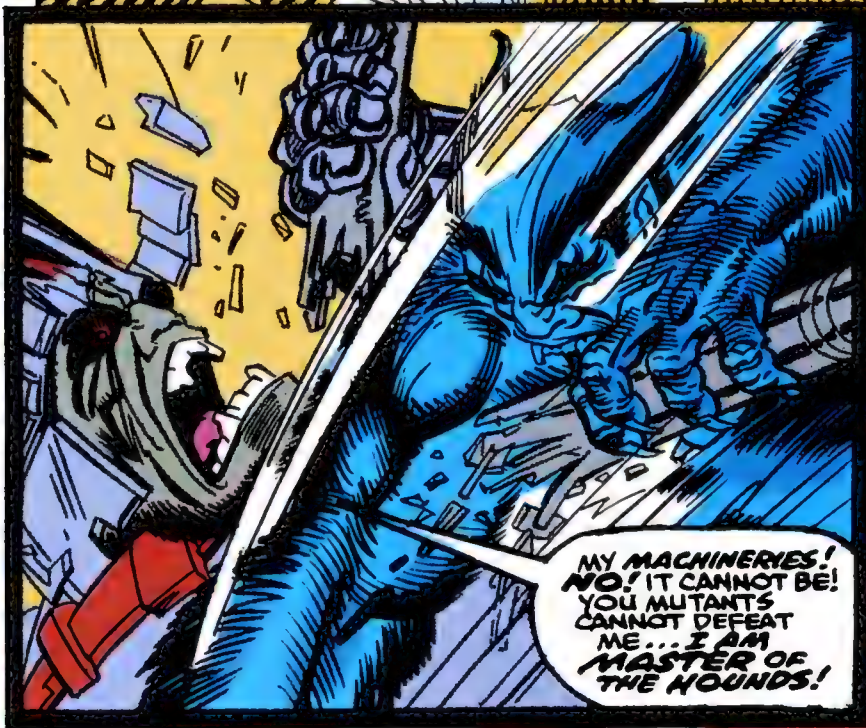




HEY-- IT WORKED! THE POCKET'S BEEN DISRUPTED! IT'S AHAB'S BASE... PLAIN AS DAY! KEEP POURING IT ON, TORCH. GIVE IT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!

NOW, CYKE, WHILE IT'S FROZEN AND BRITTLE--

DO IT NOW!



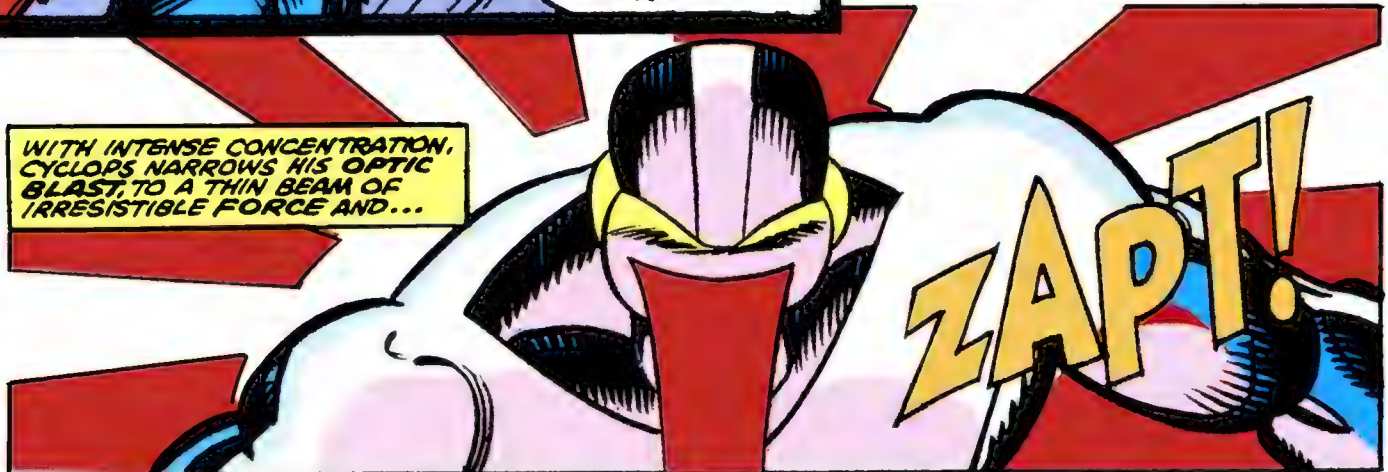
MY MACHINERIES! NO! IT CANNOT BE! YOU MUTANTS CANNOT DEFEAT ME... I AM MASTER OF THE HOUNDS!

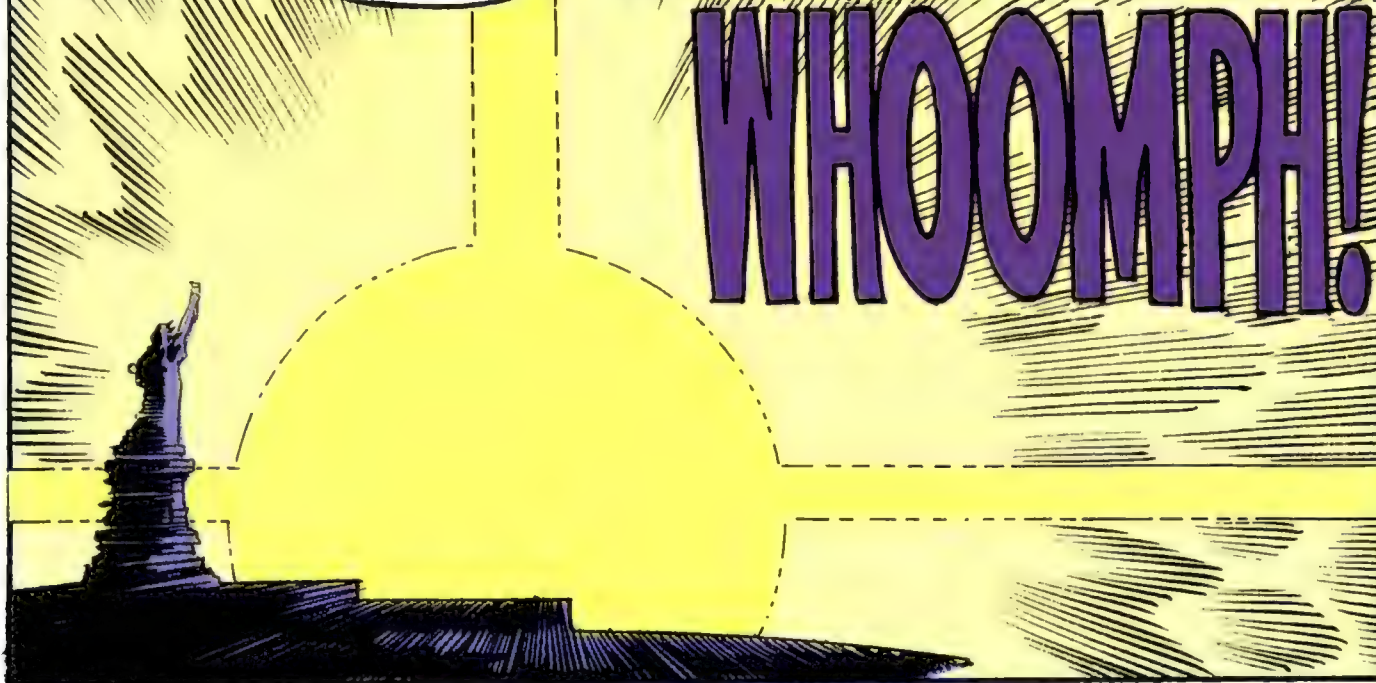


SCOTT, I'VE MANEUVERED US INTO PLACE...

...IT'S UP TO YOU!

WITH INTENSE CONCENTRATION, CYCLOPS NARROWS HIS OPTIC BLAST, TO A THIN BEAM OF IRRESISTIBLE FORCE AND...







REED,
ARE YOU
AND THE
OTHERS
ALL
RIGHT?



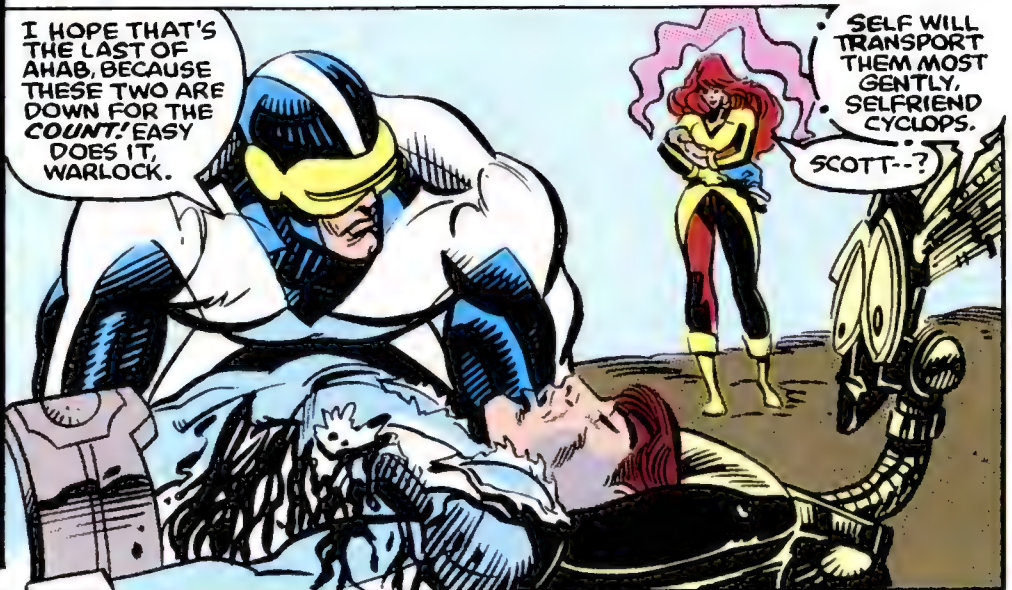
MOST OF US
THANKFULLY,
BUT ICEMAN...
...AND
ARCHANGEL.

I MELTED
OFF THE
SHRAPNEL
AS IT CAME
TO ME...

...AND JEAN
PROTECTED
ME, BUT BOBBY
WAS CLOSEST.
HE TOOK THE
BRUNT OF
IT!

HOW'S
ARCH-
ANGEL?

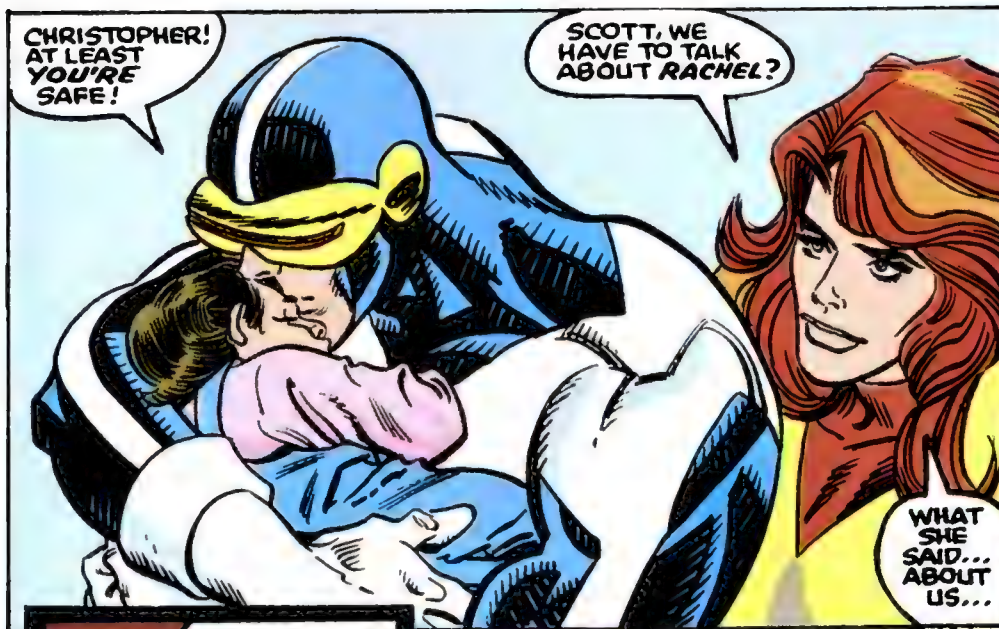
HE'S
SURVIVED
WORSE THAN
THIS, SCOTT.
HE SEEMS
TO BE IN
SHOCK.



I HOPE THAT'S
THE LAST OF
AHAB, BECAUSE
THESE TWO ARE
DOWN FOR THE
COUNT! EASY
DOES IT,
WARLOCK.

SELF WILL
TRANSPORT
THEM MOST
GENTLY,
SELFRIEND
CYCLOPS.

SCOTT--?



CHRISTOPHER!
AT LEAST
YOU'RE
SAFE!

SCOTT, WE
HAVE TO TALK
ABOUT RACHEL?

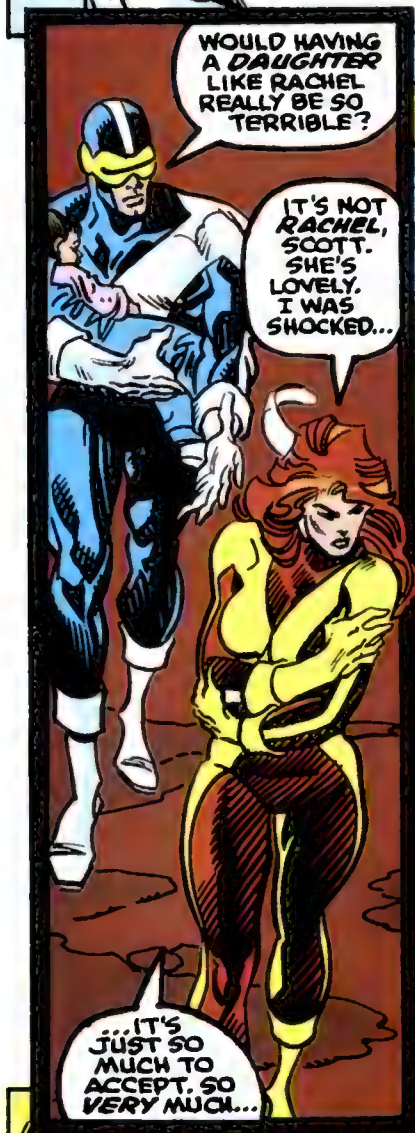
WHAT
SHE
SAID...
ABOUT
US...



IT'S A SHOCK
TO ME, TOO,
JEAN. SOMEHOW
SHE'S MY DAUGHTER
FROM THE FUTURE.
NOW THAT I KNOW,
I CAN'T BELIEVE
I DIDN'T SEE
IT BEFORE...

MAYBE
SHE
DIDN'T
WANT
YOU TO
KNOW.
NOT REAL-
LY. WITH
HER TELE-
PATHIC POWER,
SHE CAN ALTER
YOUR PERCEPTION
OF REALITY...

JEAN,
YOU KNOW
I LOVE
YOU.



WOULD HAVING
A DAUGHTER
LIKE RACHEL
REALLY BE SO
TERRIBLE?

IT'S NOT
RACHEL,
SCOTT.
SHE'S
LOVELY.
I WAS
SHOCKED...

...IT'S
JUST SO
MUCH TO
ACCEPT. SO
VERY MUCH...



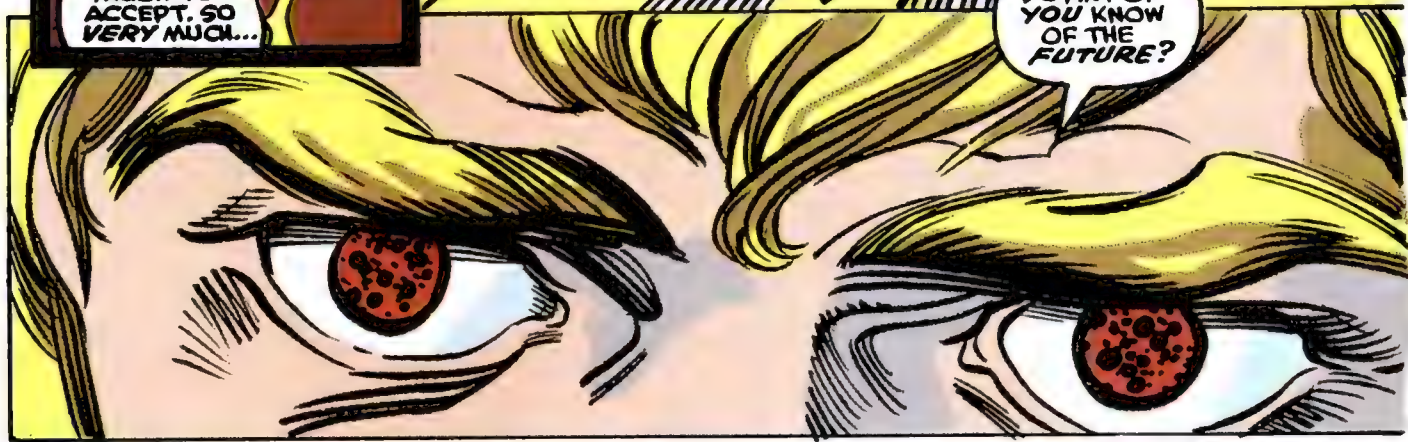
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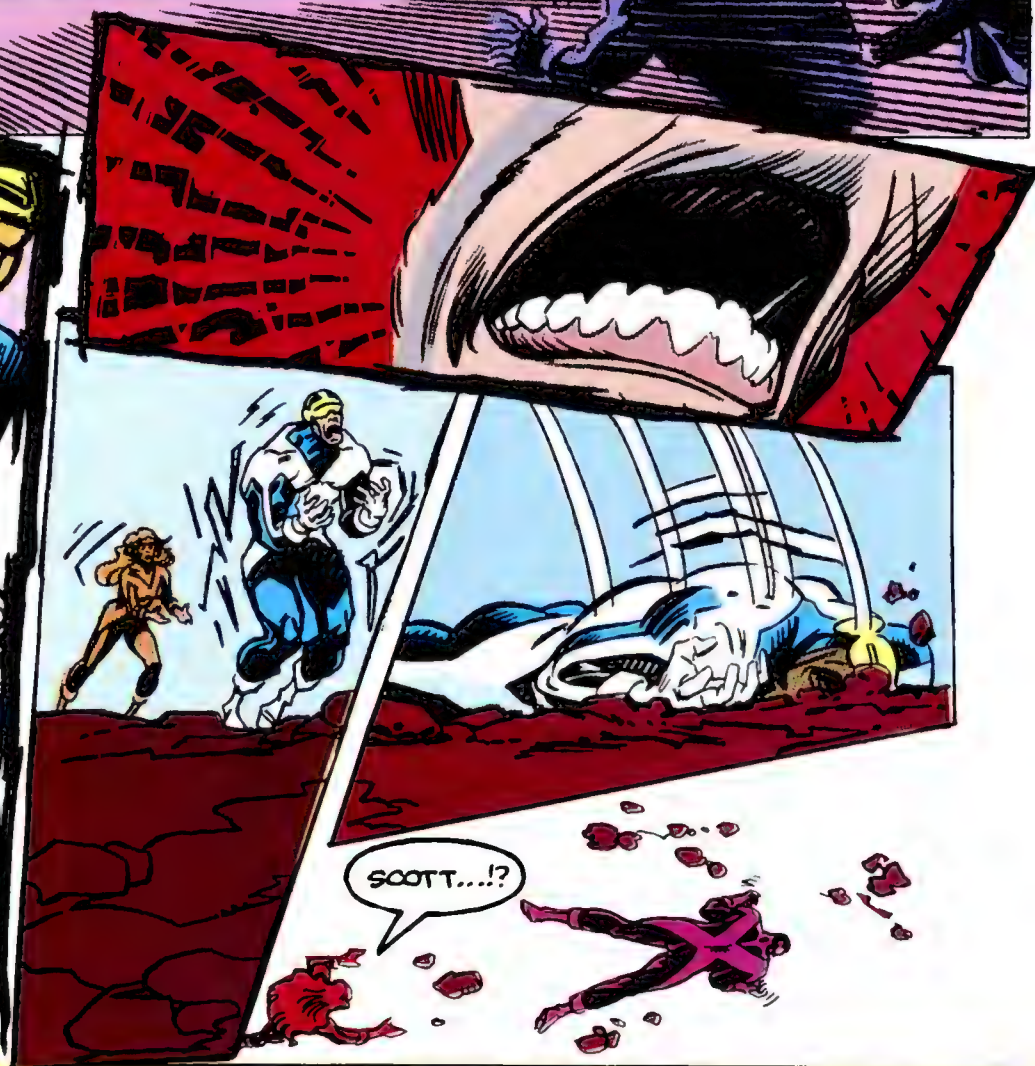
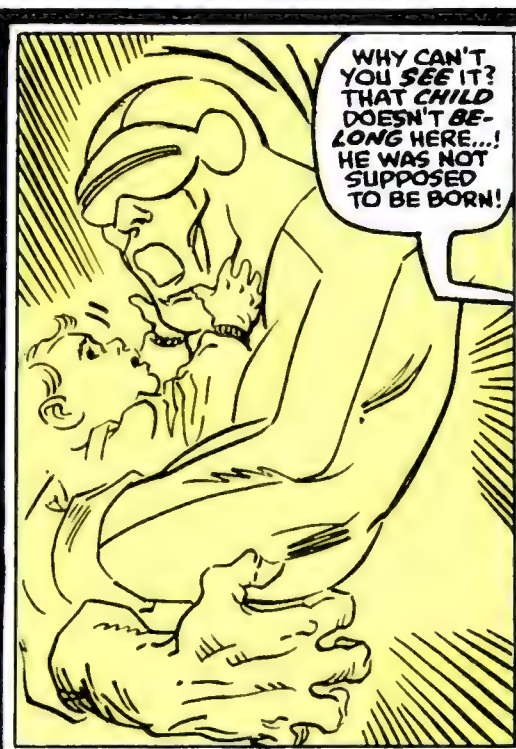
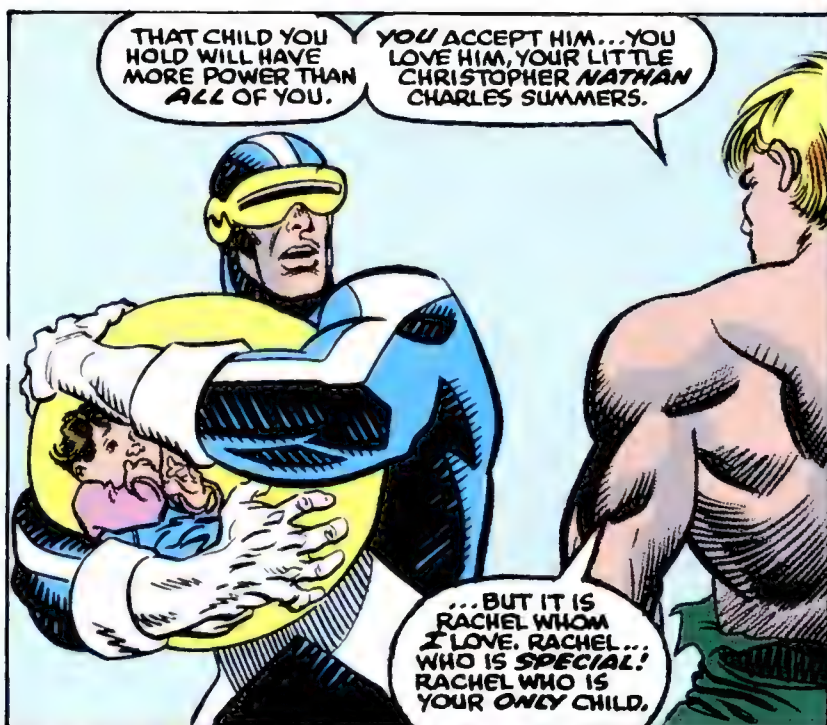
I MUST ADMIT
IT. YOU DID QUITE
WELL... FOR FIRST
LEVEL MUTANTS.

FRANKLIN?!



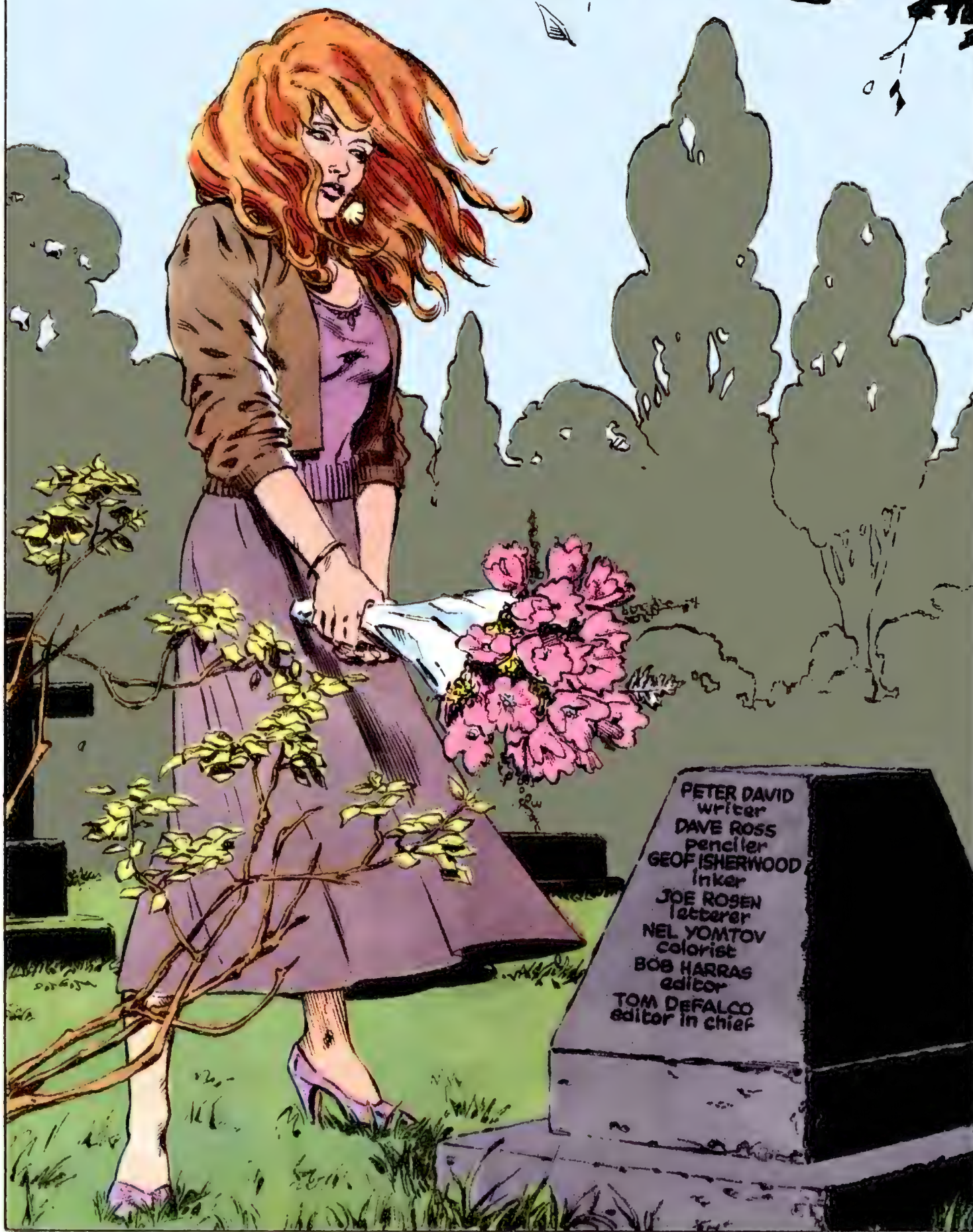
BUT WHAT
DO ANY OF
YOU KNOW
OF THE
FUTURE?



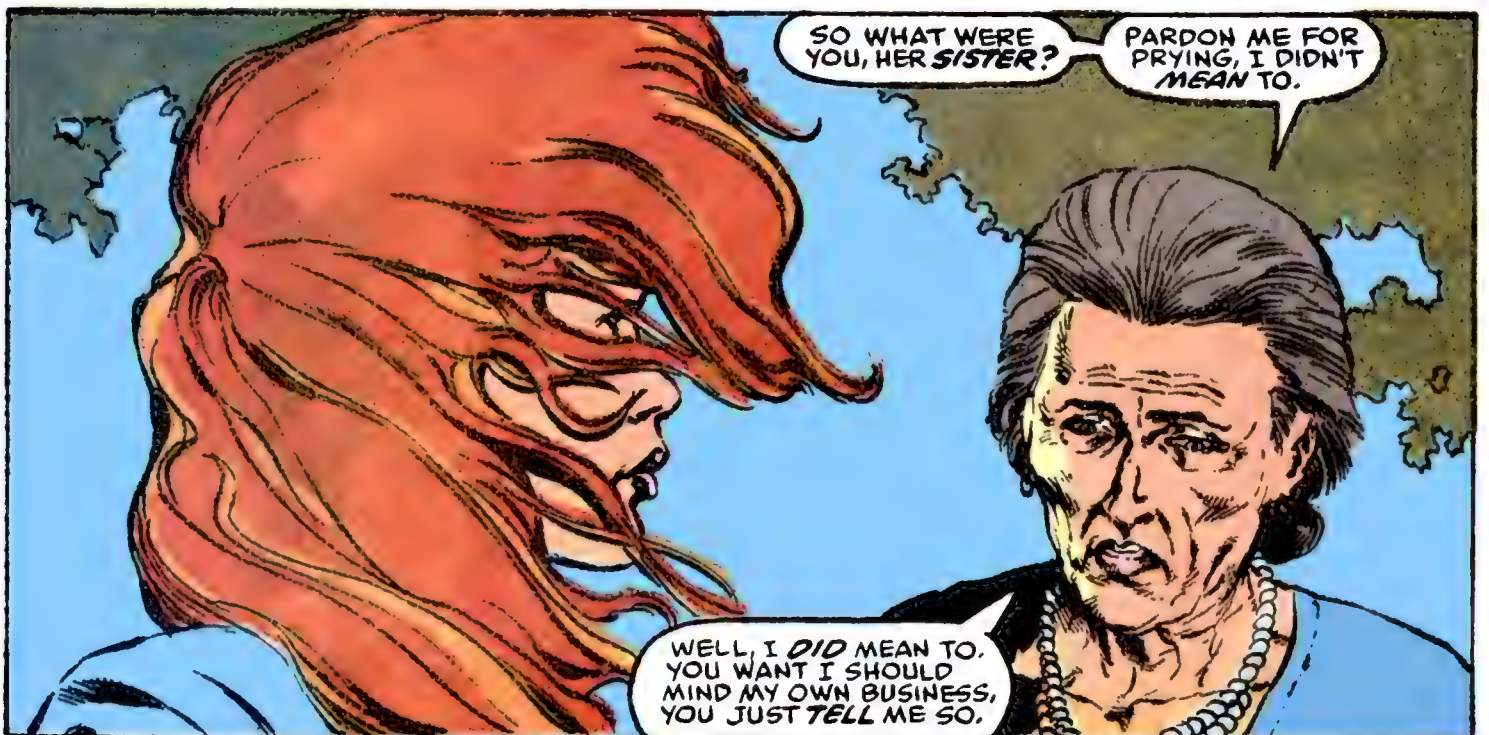
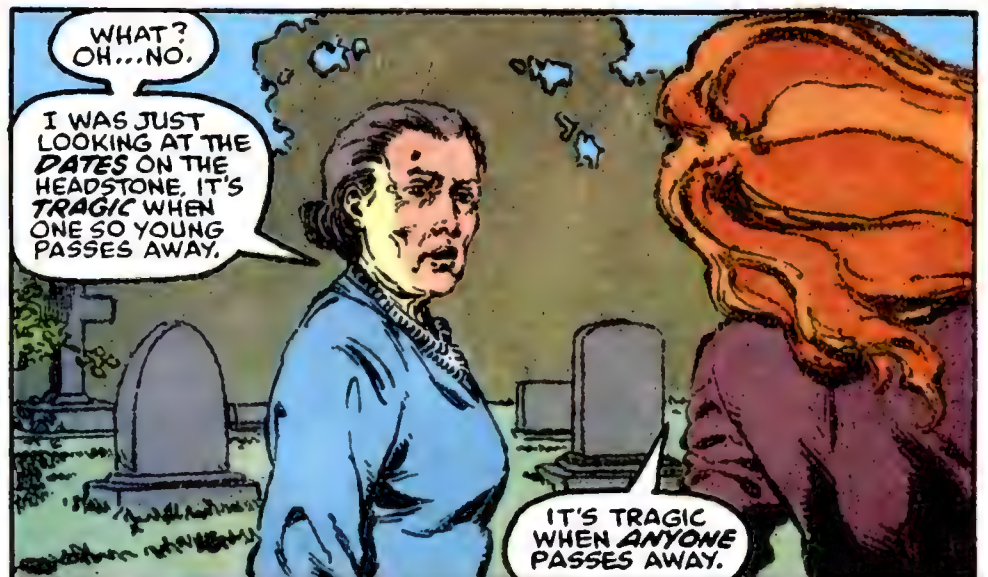
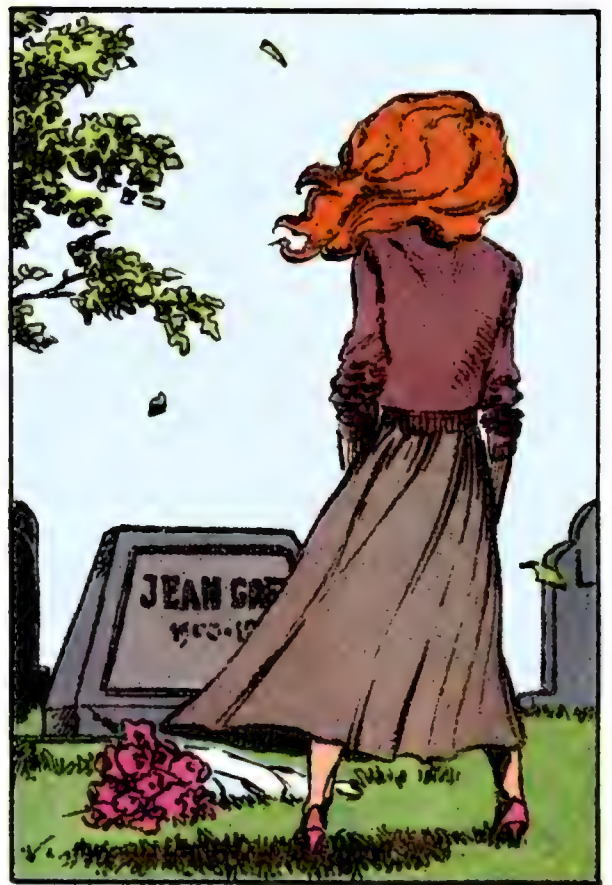
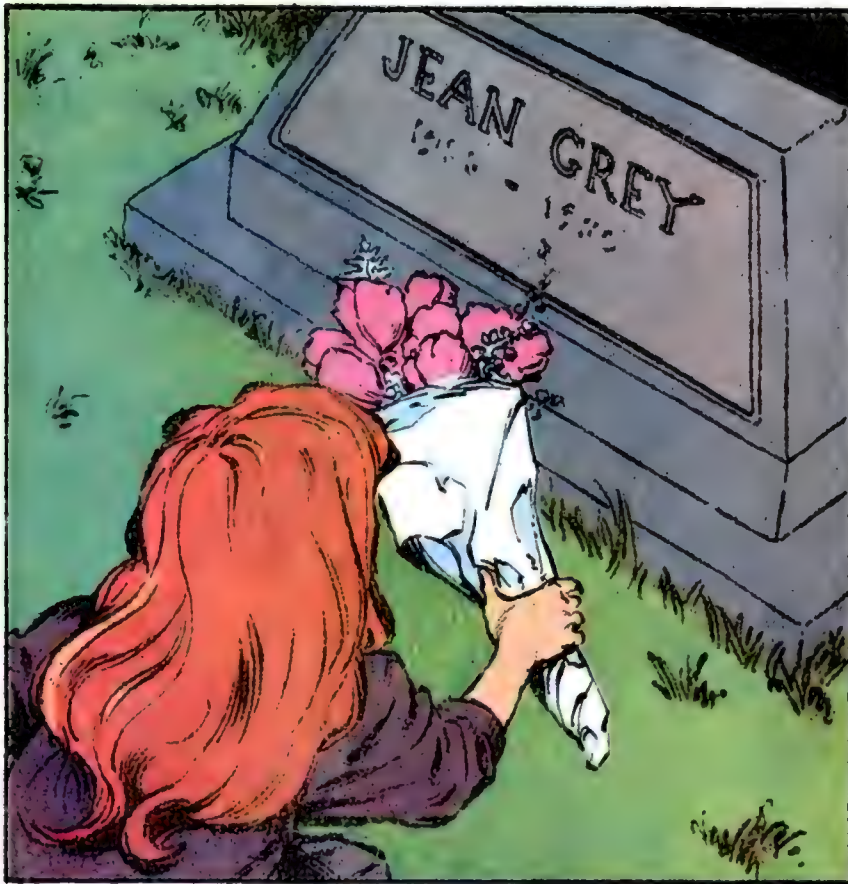


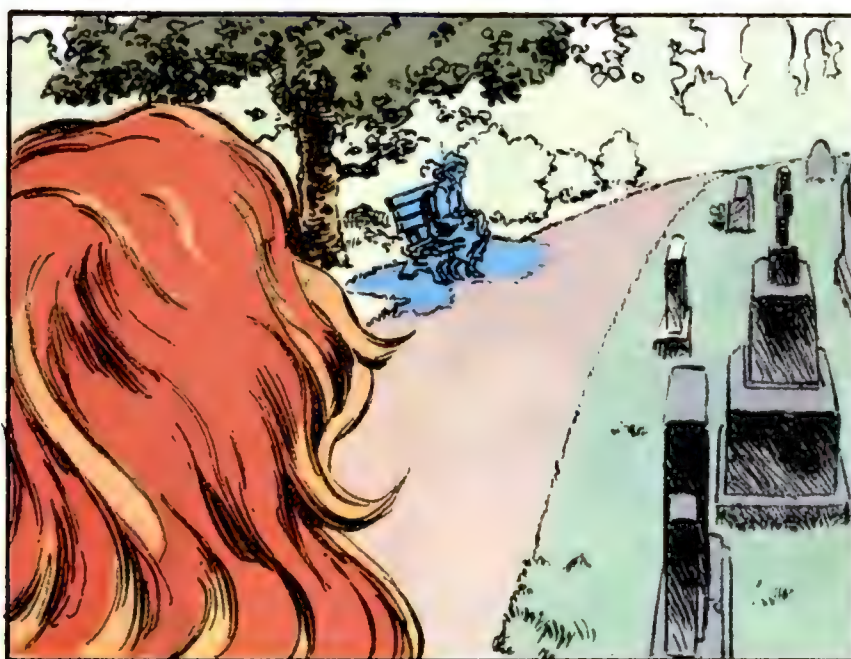
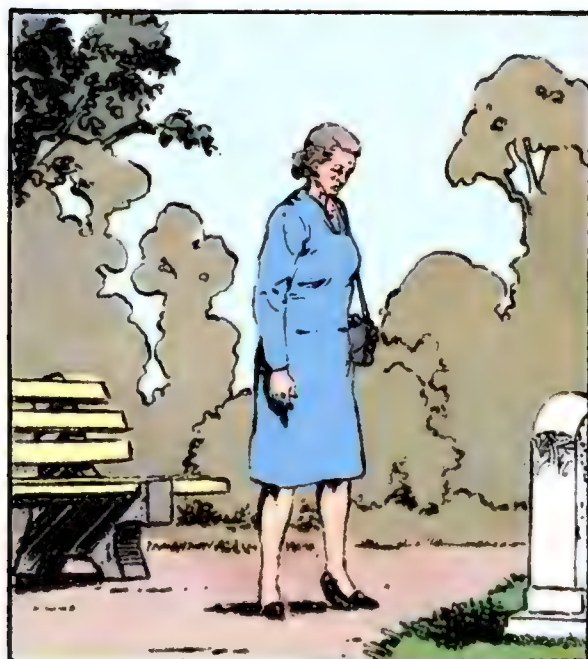
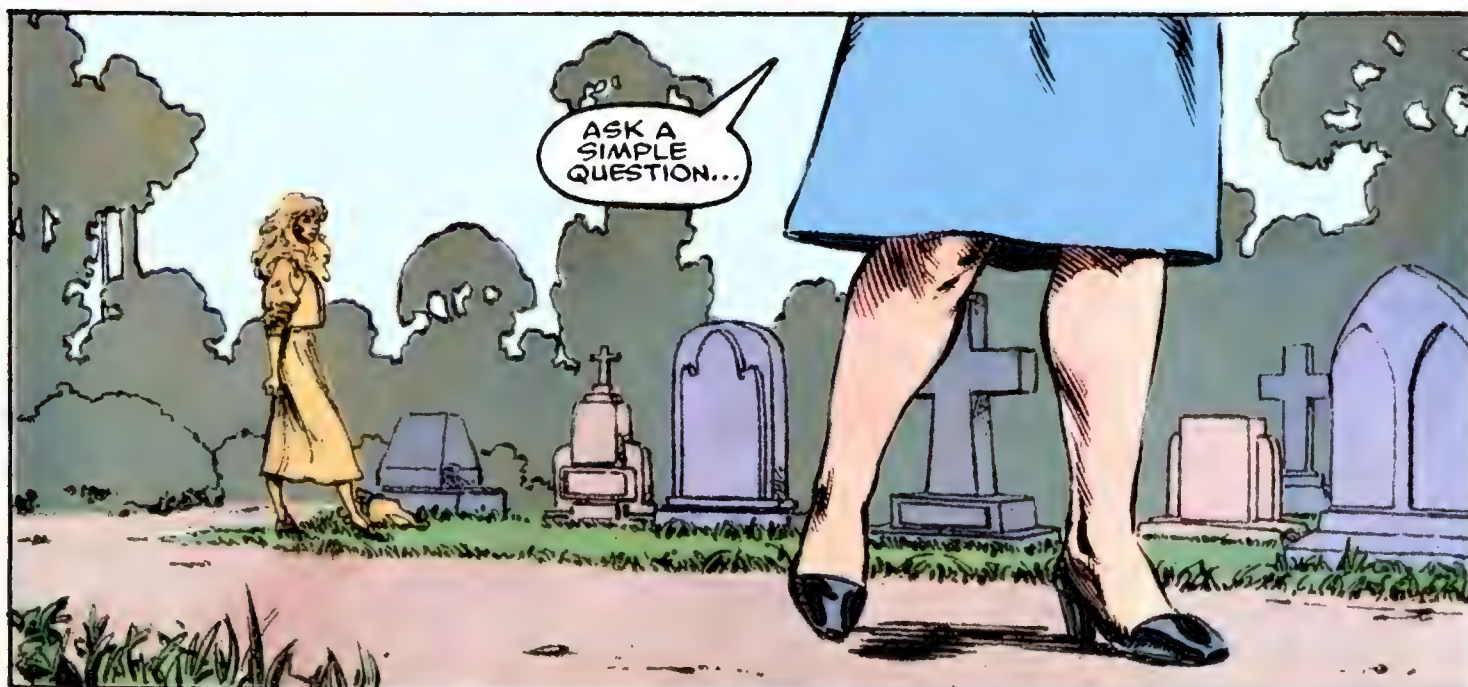
NEXT: IN ONE WEEK, NEW MUTANTS ANNUAL #6. FRANKLIN VISITS XAVIER'S. AND IN TWO WEEKS, THE AWESOME CONCLUSION! YOU MUST READ X-MEN ANNUAL #14.

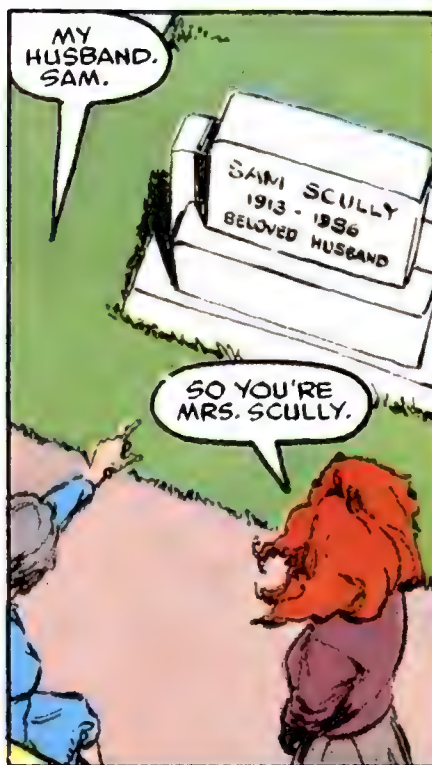
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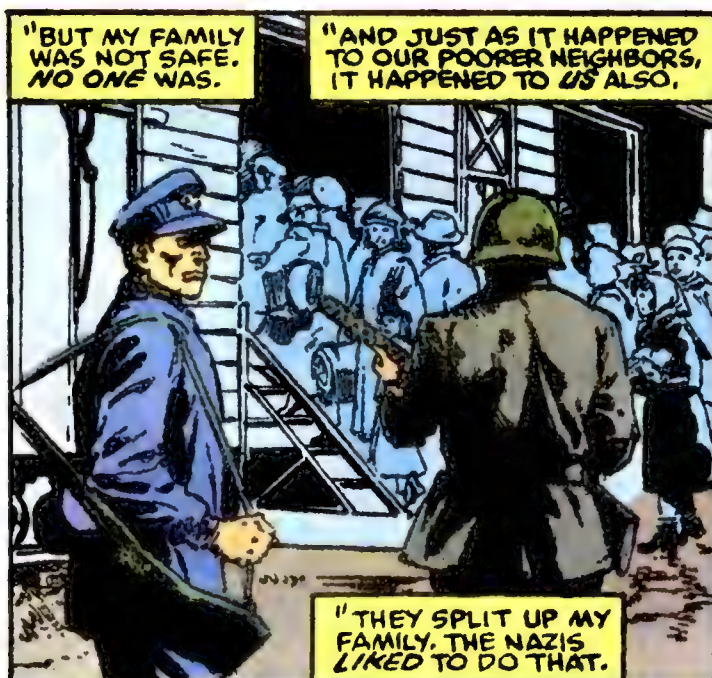
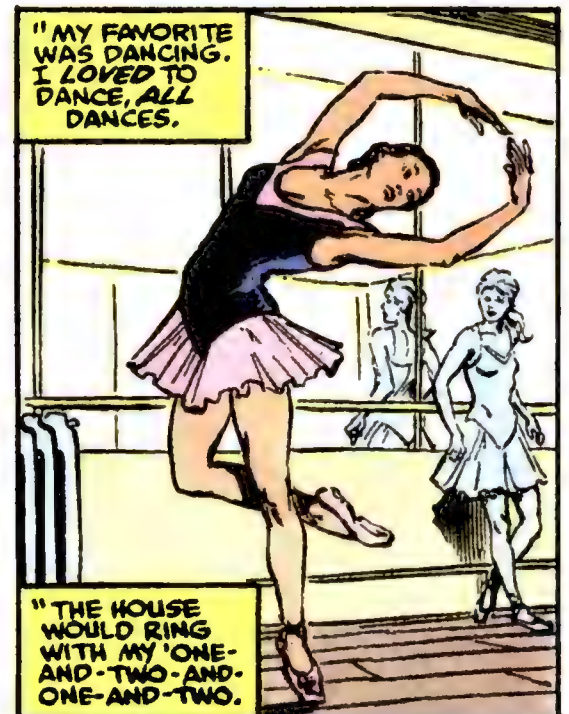
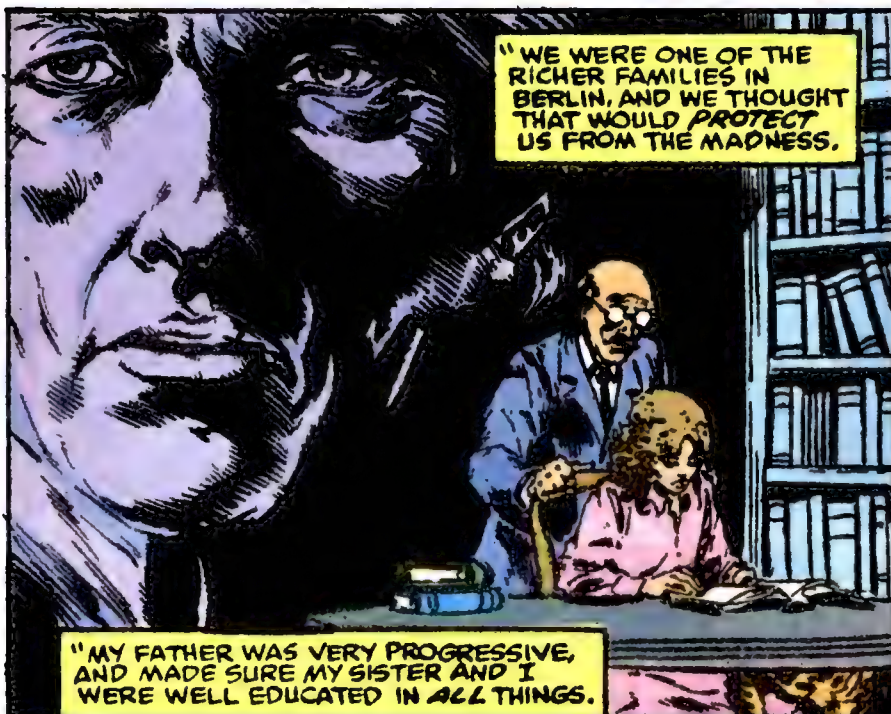


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SO YOU SEE, WHEN I WAS YOUNGER THAN YOU, I WENT FROM BEING BELOVED, PAMPERED DAUGHTER-- SECOND OF FOUR-- TO PRISONER. THAT WAS TWO IDENTITIES RIGHT THERE.

AT THE CAMP THEY CUT OUR HAIR VERY SHORT, LIKE WHAT THEY CALL "CREW-CUTS."

THEY TOOK OUR CLOTHES, MADE US STAND NAKED FOR HOURS TO DEHUMANIZE US. AND THE CLOTHES THEY GAVE US WERE LITTLE MORE THAN RAGS.

"EVERY DAY THEY'D MARCH PEOPLE OFF TO THE 'SHOWERS'. THE SHOWERS NO ONE EVER CAME BACK FROM. EVERY SINGLE DAY, WE WONDERED IF THERE'D BE A NEXT DAY FOR US.



"THEN ONE DAY WE GOT A NEW COMMANDANT, AND HE RECOGNIZED ME.



"MY FATHER HAD KNOWN ALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE, OR THOUGHT HE HAD. THE COMMANDANT HAD SEEN ME DANCE, IN HAPPIER TIMES.



"HE ORDERED ME TO DANCE RIGHT THEN, TO MAKE SURE IT WAS ME.

"IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I WAS ALIVE IN AGES. HE WATCHED, NOT TAKING HIS EYES OFF ME.



"HE TOOK ME FROM THE BARRACKS. CLEANED ME UP, DRESSED ME, FED ME.

"I WATCHED OTHERS WASTE AWAY WHILE I BECAME FIT AND WHOLE. ALL UNDER THE CARE OF THE COMMANDANT.



"MAKE **NO** MISTAKE. HE DIDN'T **LOVE** ME OR SUCH NONSENSE. I WAS HIS DANCING JEWESS. ONE-AND-TWO-AND-ONE-AND-TWO...

"I WAS A **TOY**. HE WOULD TROT ME OUT FOR VISITING DIGNITARIES.



"AND AT NIGHT, HE WOULD KEEP ME AROUND FOR... **OTHER THINGS**.



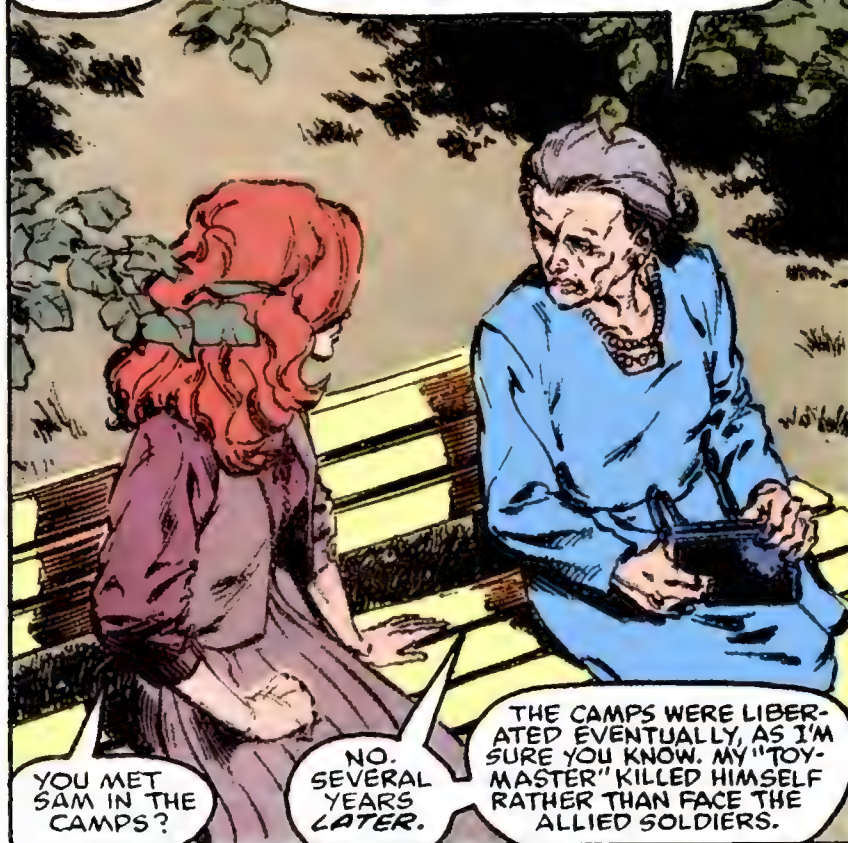
"YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND... IN THE CAMPS, YOU DID ANY-THING TO SURVIVE. **ANYTHING**.

"SO NOW I HAD TWO **MORE** IDENTITIES. SURVIVOR...AND WHAT THE **WOMEN** WOULD CALL ME, WHEN THEY'D **PASS**. SURVIVOR AND--"



YOU KNOW... I HAVEN'T SPOKEN OF THIS IN **YEARS**.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE THE FEELING I'M GOING TO BE WITH MY **SAM** SOON...AND SOMEONE SHOULD **KNOW** THIS. AND SINCE WE NEVER HAD ANY CHILDREN, **SAM** AND ME...



YOU MET **SAM** IN THE CAMPS?

NO. SEVERAL YEARS **LATER**.

THE CAMPS WERE LIBERATED EVENTUALLY, AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW. MY "**TOY-MASTER**" KILLED HIMSELF RATHER THAN FACE THE ALLIED SOLDIERS.

ONCE WE WERE **FREED**, I TRIED TO FIND WORD OF MY FAMILY. TO SEE IF ANY HAD **SURVIVED**.

I COULDN'T FIND **ANY** TRACE. ALL GONE. ALL GONE.



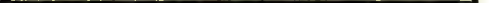
"I LEFT GERMANY AND CAME TO AMERICA. I GOT A JOB IN A BAKERY, AND THAT'S WHERE I MET SAM."



"HE BOUGHT SO MANY LOAVES I THOUGHT HE WAS FEEDING AN ARMY, BUT HE WAS JUST COMING IN TO SEE ME."



"EVENTUALLY WE STARTED SEEING EACH OTHER SOCIALLY, AND HE PROPOSED. ON HIS KNEES. SUCH A GENTLEMAN."



"BUT I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO DO. HE WASN'T JEWISH, AND MY FAMILY HAD BEEN VERY, VERY STRICT ABOUT SUCH THINGS. BUT MY FAMILY WAS GONE, AND HE WAS SUCH A GOOD MAN... AND I WAS SO ALONE."



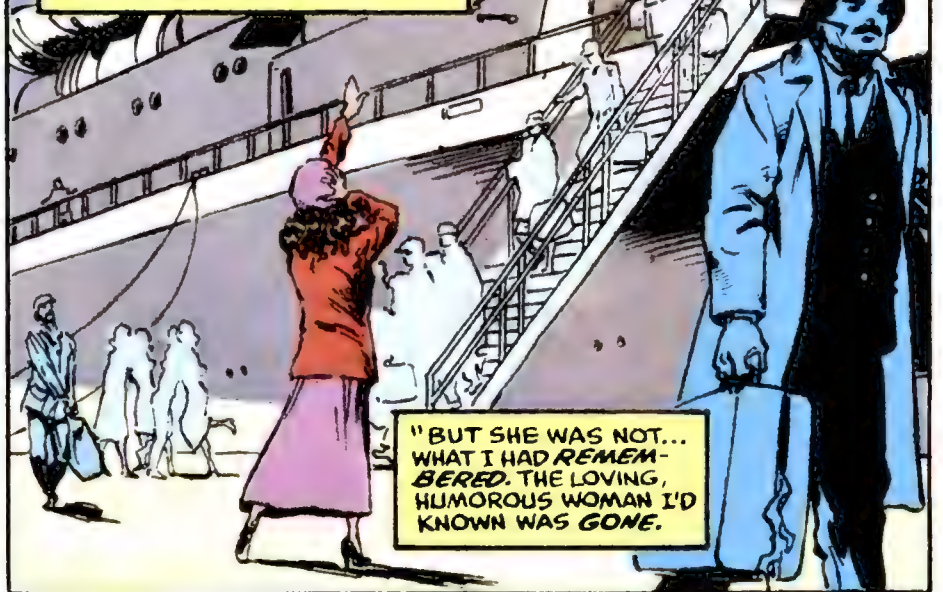
"SO I ADDED ANOTHER IDENTITY TO MY COLLECTION, NAMELY WIFE. NOT MOTHER, THOUGH. THE GOOD LORD CHOSE NOT TO BLESS US. BUT I COOKED AND CLEANED FOR SAM, AND WE WERE HAPPY."



"THEN, YEARS LATER, I RECEIVED WORD THAT MIRACLE OF MIRACLES, MY MOTHER'S SISTER--MY AUNT--HAD SURVIVED."



"SHE HAD FOUND ME THROUGH IMMIGRATION RECORDS. I WAS THRILLED BEYOND BELIEF, AND WAS THERE TO MEET HER."



"BUT SHE WAS NOT... WHAT I HAD REMEMBERED. THE LOVING, HUMOROUS WOMAN I'D KNOWN WAS GONE."



"I BROUGHT THIS STERN... STRANGER... HOME, AND INTRODUCED HER TO SAM."



"SHE EXPLODED. HOW COULD I HAVE MARRIED OUTSIDE THE FAITH, SHE DEMANDED. I WAS A TRAITOR. I WAS INSULTING MY FAMILY'S MEMORY."



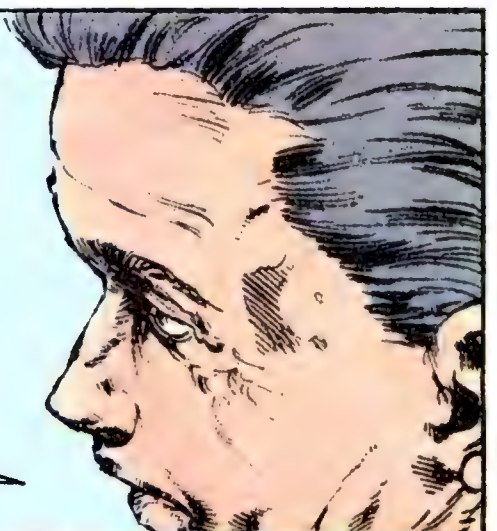
"THE YOUNG GIRL INSIDE ME CRINGED. BUT THE WOMAN I'D BECOME SCREAMED BACK, ANGRY AND HATEFUL THINGS."

"THE LAST THING SHE SAID TO ME WAS 'YOU'VE BETRAYED YOUR HERITAGE. YOU'VE FORGOTTEN WHO YOU ARE.'"



AND I NEVER SAW HER AGAIN.

I ACQUIRED MANY OTHER IDENTITIES AFTER THAT. ALL IDENTITIES THAT PEOPLE EXPECTED OF ME, OR THAT I EXPECTED OF MYSELF.



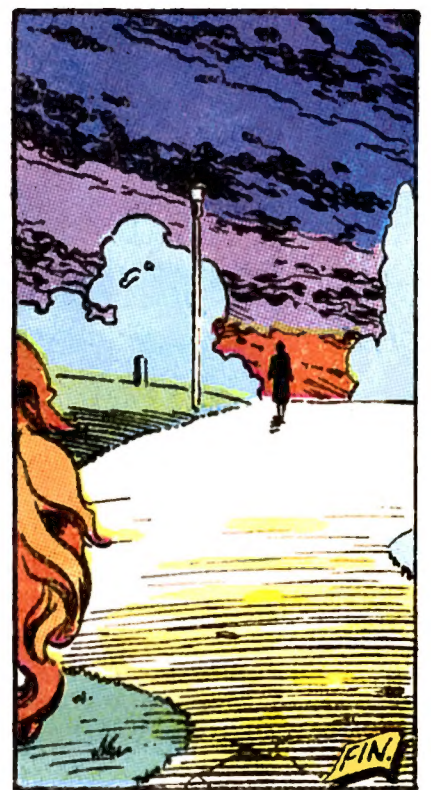
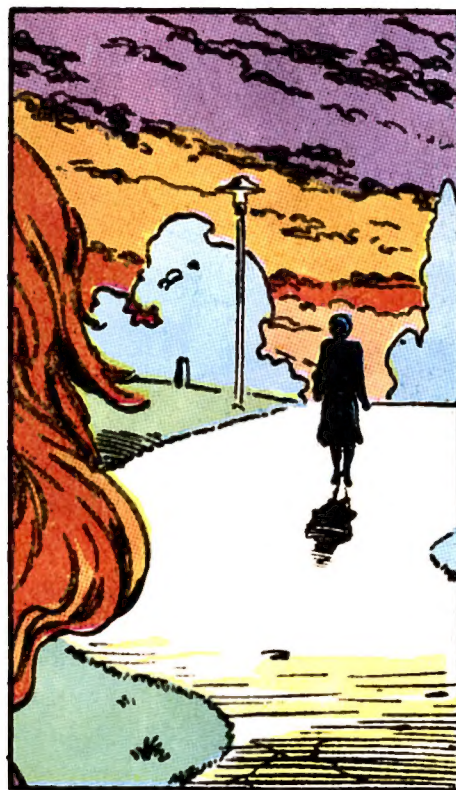
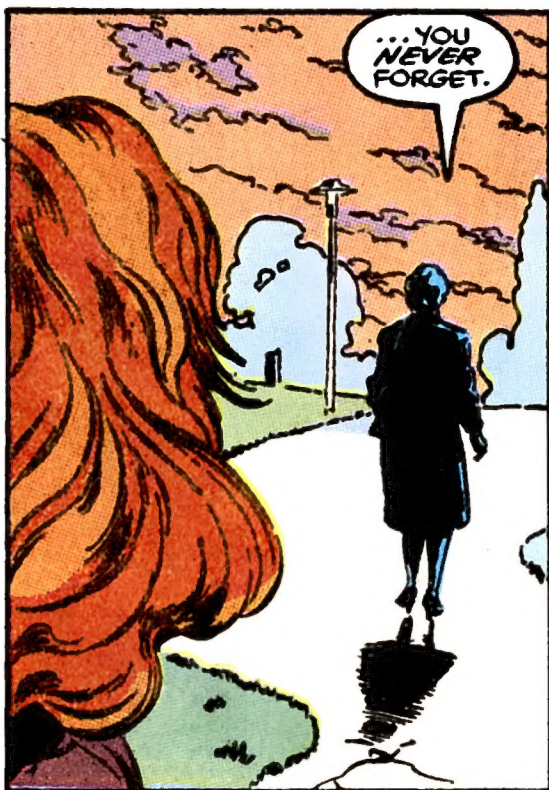
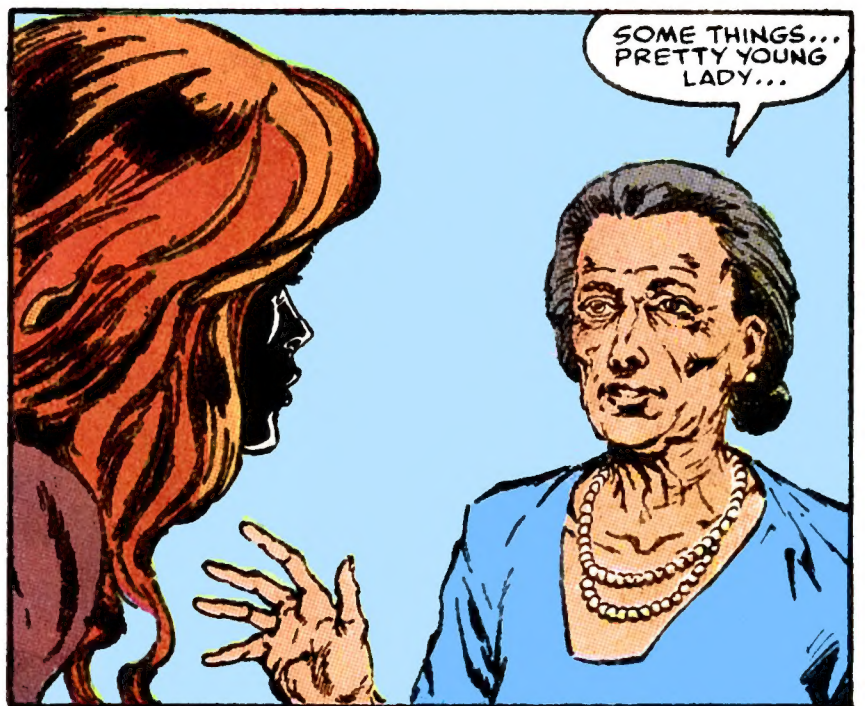
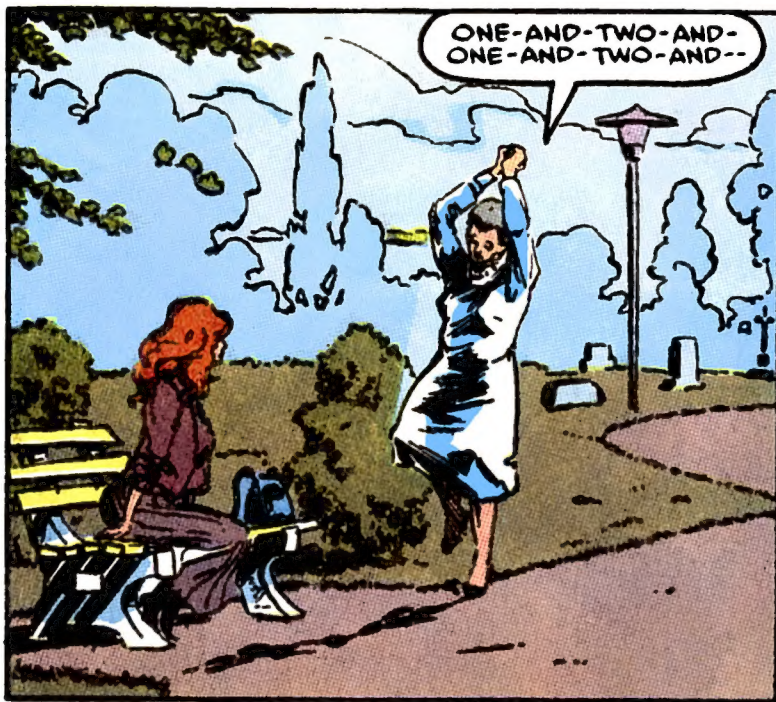
AND WHO ARE YOU? ALL THOSE THINGS YOU SAID YOU ARE...



HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CORE IS? THAT'S WHAT I NEED TO KNOW.

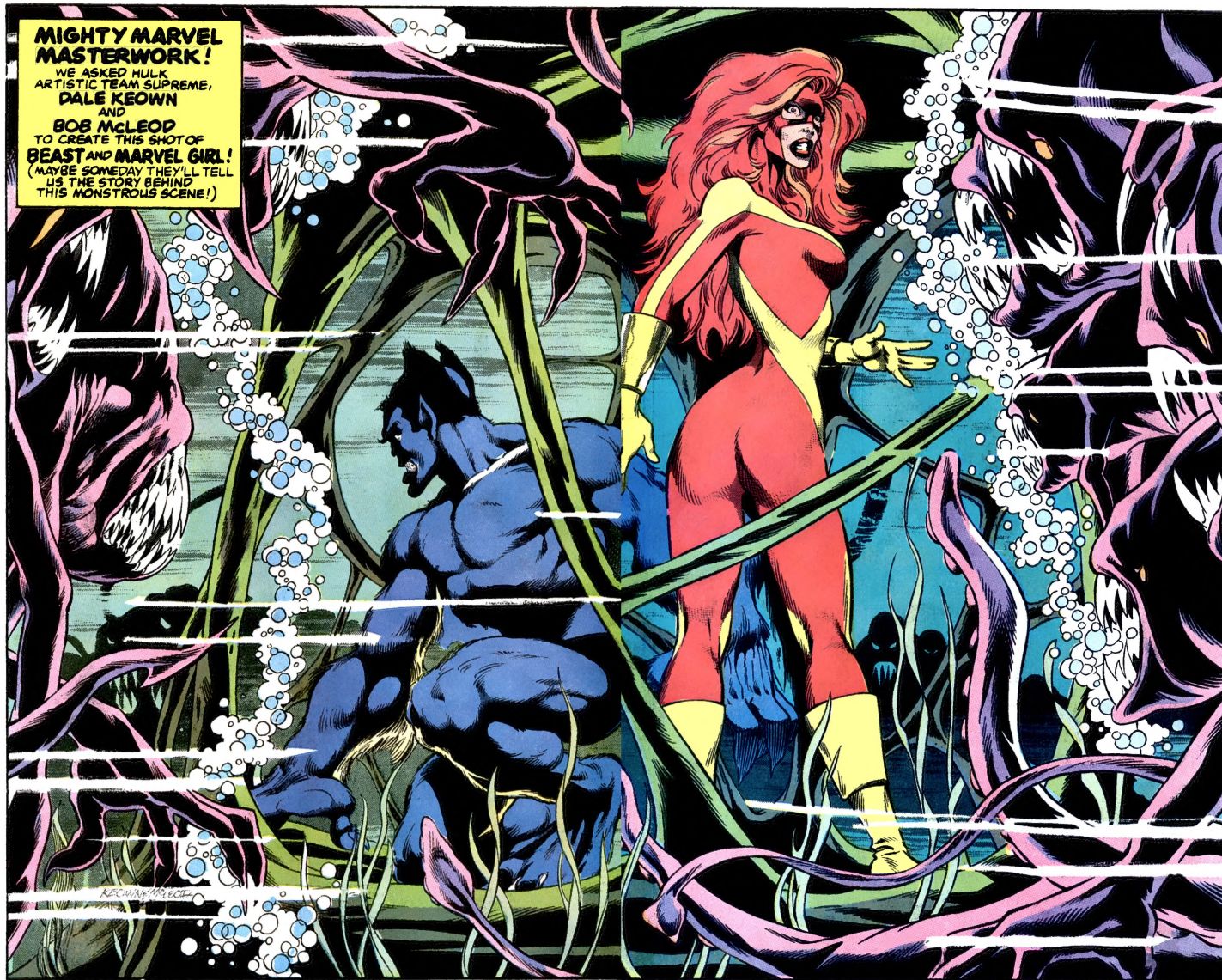
WHEN YOU STRIP AWAY ALL THE IDENTITIES YOU'VE ACQUIRED THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE, HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE REAL YOU IS?





**MIGHTY MARVEL
MASTERWORK!**

WE ASKED HULK
ARTISTIC TEAM SUPREME,
DALE KEOWN
AND
BOB MCLEOD
TO CREATE THIS SHOT OF
BEAST AND MARVEL GIRL!
(MAYBE SOMEDAY THEY'LL TELL
US THE STORY BEHIND
THIS MONSTROUS SCENE!)





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